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EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES IN 2001

Reflecting the economic downturn that began early in 2001, the proportion of families containing an unemployed member rose by nearly a percentage point to 6.6 percent between 2000 and 2001, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Of the nation's 72 million families, the share with at least one employed member fell by 0.3 percentage point to 82.9 percent in 2001.

These data on employment, unemployment, and family relationships are collected as part of the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly sample survey of about 60,000 households. Families include married-couple families, as well as families maintained by a man or a woman with no spouse present. For further information about the CPS, see the Technical Note.

Families and Unemployment

In an average week in 2001, 4.8 million families had at least one member who was unemployed, a rise of 665,000 families from 2000. The proportion of black families with an unemployed member (11.4 percent) was higher than for either Hispanic (9.9 percent) or white families (5.8 percent); for all three groups, the proportion of families with someone unemployed was higher in 2001 than the year before. (See table 1.)

In 2001, about 3 out of 4 of both white and Hispanic families with unemployed members also contained someone who was employed, compared with 3 out of 5 black families with unemployment. Over the year, this proportion edged down among both white and black families, while rising for Hispanic families.

While 82.8 percent of the married-couple families with unemployment also contained an employed member in 2001, the proportions were much smaller for families maintained by men (59.6 percent) and those maintained by women (51.4 percent). Families maintained by men were, in relative terms, harder-hit by increasing unemployment in 2001 than were married-couple families and families maintained by women. The number of families maintained by men that contained an unemployed member rose by 31 percent in 2001 to 433,000, compared with increases of 17 percent for married-couple families (to 3.0 million) and 10 percent for families maintained by women (to 1.3 million). (See table 3.)

Families and Employment

From 2000 to 2001, the percentage of black families with an employed member fell by 1 percentage point to 80.0 percent and that for Hispanic families fell by 0.6 percentage point to 86.9 percent. The proportion of white families with someone employed was about unchanged in 2001 at 83.1 percent.

(See table 1.) From 1994 (when the series began) to 2001, the proportions of black and Hispanic families with an employed member increased by 6.2 and 5.6 percentage points, respectively, compared with a gain of 1.6 percentage points for white families.

Overall, 83.9 percent of married-couple families included an employed person in 2001, virtually unchanged from the previous year. The proportion of families maintained by women with an employed member fell by 0.8 percentage point over the year to 77.7 percent; this proportion had been rising steadily since 1994, when the series began. The proportion of families maintained by men with an employed member fell by 0.5 percentage point over the year to 86.0 percent. (See table 2.)

The proportion of all married-couple families in which only the husband worked edged up to 19.4 percent in 2001, and the proportion in which only the wife worked increased by 0.4 percentage point to 5.8 percent. The proportion of all married-couple families in which both the husband and the wife were employed declined by 0.5 percentage point over the year to 52.7 percent. (See table 2.)

Families with Children

The percent of families with children under 18 that had an employed parent declined by 0.6 percentage point in 2001 to 91.4 percent. Married-couple families with children—which were the most likely to have an employed parent (97.1 percent)—had the smallest decline, 0.4 percentage point. In contrast, families with children under 18 maintained by unmarried mothers—which were the least likely to have an employed parent (74.5 percent)—and those maintained by unmarried fathers had over-the-year declines of 1.0 and 1.3 percentage points, respectively. (See table 4.)

Mothers

The unemployment rate for unmarried mothers—those who were single, widowed, divorced, or separated—with children under 18 increased by 0.5 percentage point in 2001 to 8.0 percent; the rate for married mothers, at 3.4 percent in 2001, also increased by 0.5 percentage point over the year. (See table 5.)

The unemployment rate for mothers with children under age 1 jumped from 6.6 percent in 2000 to 7.7 percent in 2001. The rate for unmarried mothers with children under age 1—which was already very high—increased by 3.1 percentage points over the year to 16.8 percent. (See table 6.)

The labor force participation rates for mothers with children under 18 were about unchanged in 2001 for both unmarried and married mothers—78.7 percent and 69.6 percent, respectively. However, the labor force participation rate for unmarried mothers has grown by over 11 percentage points since 1994. (See table 5.)

Technical Note

The estimates in this release are based on annual average data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a national sample survey of about 60,000 households conducted monthly for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by the U.S. Census Bureau. The information relates to the labor force status of persons 16 years old and over in the civilian noninstitutional population during an "average" week of the year.

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Reliability of the estimates

Statistics based on the CPS are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error. When a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed, there is a chance that the sample estimates may differ from the "true" population values they represent. The exact difference, or *sampling error*, varies depending on the particular sample selected, and this variability is measured by the standard error of the estimate. There is about a 90-percent chance, or level of confidence, that an estimate based on a sample will differ by no more than 1.6 standard errors from the "true" population value because of sampling error. BLS analyses are generally conducted at the 90-percent level of confidence.

The CPS data also are affected by *nonsampling error*. Nonsampling error can occur for many reasons, including the failure to sample a segment of the population, inability to obtain information for all respondents in the sample, inability or unwillingness of respondents to provide correct information, and errors made in the collection or processing of the data.

For a full discussion of the reliability of data from the CPS and information on estimating standard errors, see the "Explanatory Notes and Estimates of Error" section of *Employment and Earnings*.

Definitions

The principal definitions used in this release are described briefly below.

Family. A family is a group of two or more persons residing together who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption. The count of families is for "primary" families only, that is, the householder and all other persons related to and residing with the householder. Families are classified either as married-couple families or as families maintained by women or men without spouses.

Householder. The householder is the family reference person. This is the person (or one of the persons) in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented. The relationship of other individuals in the household is defined in terms of relationship to the householder.

Married, spouse present; other marital status. These terms denote the marital status of individuals at the time of interview. Married, spouse present, refers to husbands and wives living together in the same household, even though one may be temporarily absent on business, on vacation, on a visit, in a hospital, or for other reasons. Other marital status includes persons who are never-married; married, spouse absent; widowed; or divorced. Married, spouse absent relates to persons who are separated due to marital problems, as well as husbands and wives who are living apart because one or the other was employed elsewhere, on duty with the Armed Forces, or any other reasons.

Children. Data on children refer to own children and include sons, daughters, stepchildren, and adopted children of the husband, wife, or person maintaining the family. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, other related children, and all unrelated children living in the household.

Table 1. Employment and unemployment in families by race and Hispanic origin, 2000-01 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	2000	2001
TOTAL		
Total families	71,680	71,980
With employed member(s)	59,626	59,699
As percent of total families	83.2	82.9
Some usually work full time[1]	55,683	55,599
With no employed member	12,054	12,281
As percent of total families	16.8	17.1
With unemployed member(s)	4,110	4,775
As percent of total families	5.7	6.6
Some member(s) employed	2,973	3,441
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	72.3	72.1
Some usually work full time[1]	2,675	3,076
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	65.1	64.4
White		
Total families	59,918	59,943
With employed member(s)	49,877	49,804
As percent of total families	83.2	83.1
Some usually work full time[1]	46,639	46,429
With no employed member	10,042	10,140
As percent of total families	16.8	16.9
With unemployed member(s)	3,010	3,506
As percent of total families	5.0	5.8
Some member(s) employed	2,276	2,629
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	75.6	75.0
Some usually work full time[1]	2,052	2,351
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	68.2	67.1
Black		
Total families	8,600	8,737
With employed member(s)	6,964	6,988
As percent of total families	81.0	80.0
Some usually work full time[1]	6,401	6,425
With no employed member	1,636	1,749
As percent of total families	19.0	20.0
With unemployed member(s)	881	1,000
As percent of total families	10.2	11.4
Some member(s) employed	535	601
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	60.8	60.1
Some usually work full time[1]	476	538
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	54.1	53.8
Hispanic origin		
Total families	7,581	7,766
With employed member(s)	6,633	6,746
As percent of total families	87.5	86.9
Some usually work full time[1]	6,255	6,355
With no employed member	947	1,020
As percent of total families	12.5	13.1
With unemployed member(s)	679	771
As percent of total families	9.0	9.9
Some member(s) employed	493	567
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	72.7	73.5
Some usually work full time[1]	446	514
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	65.8	66.7

[1] Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Table 2. Families by presence and relationship of employed members and family type, 2000-01 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	2000	2001	2000	2001
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES				
Total	54,704	54,665	100.0	100.0
Member(s) employed, total	45,967	45,868	84.0	83.9
Husband only	10,500	10,598	19.2	19.4
Wife only	2,946	3,183	5.4	5.8
Husband and wife	29,128	28,801	53.2	52.7
Other employment combinations	3,394	3,287	6.2	6.0
No member(s) employed	8,737	8,796	16.0	16.1
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN[1]				
Total	12,775	12,880	100.0	100.0
Members(s) employed, total	10,026	10,014	78.5	77.7
Householder only	5,581	5,623	43.7	43.7
Householder and other member(s)	2,806	2,741	22.0	21.3
Other member(s), not householder	1,639	1,650	12.8	12.8
No member(s) employed	2,749	2,865	21.5	22.2
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN[1]				
Total	4,200	4,435	100.0	100.0
Members(s) employed, total	3,632	3,816	86.5	86.0
Householder only	1,761	1,854	41.9	41.8
Householder and other member(s)	1,358	1,400	32.3	31.6
Other member(s), not householder	514	563	12.2	12.7
No member(s) employed	567	619	13.5	14.0

[1] No spouse present.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Table 3. Unemployment in families by presence and relationship of employed members and family type, 2000-01 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	2000	2001	2000	2001
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES				
With unemployed member(s), total	2,584	3,028	100.0	100.0
No member employed	411	520	15.9	17.2
Some member(s) employed	2,174	2,507	84.1	82.8
Husband unemployed	836	1,137	32.3	37.5
Wife employed	531	722	20.5	23.8
Wife unemployed	789	899	30.5	29.7
Husband employed	694	792	26.8	26.2
Other family member unemployed	959	992	37.1	32.8
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN[1]				
With unemployed member(s), total	1,194	1,315	100.0	100.0
No member employed	587	638	49.1	48.5
Some member(s) employed	607	676	50.9	51.4
Householder unemployed	522	590	43.7	44.9
Other member(s) employed	102	127	8.5	9.7
Other member(s) unemployed	672	725	56.3	55.1
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN[1]				
With unemployed member(s), total	331	433	100.0	100.0
No member employed	139	175	42.0	40.4
Some member(s) employed	192	258	58.0	59.6
Householder unemployed	173	229	52.2	52.9
Other member(s) employed	67	93	20.4	21.5
Other member(s) unemployed	158	204	47.8	47.1

[1] No spouse present.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Table 4. Families with own children: Employment status of parents by age of youngest child and family type, 2000-01 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	2000	2001	2000	2001
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS				
Total	34,340	34,365	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	31,601	31,412	92.0	91.4
No parent employed	2,739	2,953	8.0	8.6
Married-couple families	24,915	24,810	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	24,282	24,092	97.5	97.1
Mother employed	17,012	16,782	68.3	67.6
Both parents employed	15,996	15,676	64.2	63.2
Mother employed, not father	1,016	1,105	4.1	4.5
Father employed, not mother	7,270	7,311	29.2	29.5
Neither parent employed	633	718	2.5	2.9
Families maintained by women[1]	7,613	7,665	100.0	100.0
Mother employed	5,751	5,710	75.5	74.5
Mother not employed	1,862	1,955	24.5	25.5
Families maintained by men[1]	1,812	1,890	100.0	100.0
Father employed	1,568	1,610	86.5	85.2
Father not employed	244	280	13.5	14.8
WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER				
Total	19,382	19,608	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	17,892	18,026	92.3	91.9
No parent employed	1,490	1,580	7.7	8.1
Married-couple families	13,628	13,743	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	13,248	13,339	97.2	97.1
Mother employed	10,247	10,196	75.2	74.2
Both parents employed	9,575	9,488	70.3	69.0
Mother employed, not father	672	707	4.9	5.1
Father employed, not mother	3,001	3,144	22.0	22.9
Neither parent employed	380	403	2.8	2.9
Families maintained by women[1]	4,668	4,750	100.0	100.0
Mother employed	3,715	3,743	79.6	78.8
Mother not employed	954	1,006	20.4	21.2
Families maintained by men[1]	1,086	1,114	100.0	100.0
Father employed	929	944	85.6	84.7
Father not employed	157	171	14.4	15.4
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS				
Total	14,958	14,758	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	13,708	13,386	91.6	90.7
No parent employed	1,249	1,373	8.4	9.3
Married-couple families	11,287	11,067	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	11,034	10,753	97.8	97.2
Mother employed	6,765	6,586	59.9	59.5
Both parents employed	6,421	6,188	56.9	55.9
Mother employed, not father	344	398	3.0	3.6
Father employed, not mother	4,269	4,167	37.8	37.7
Neither parent employed	254	314	2.2	2.8
Families maintained by women[1]	2,945	2,916	100.0	100.0
Mother employed	2,036	1,967	69.1	67.5
Mother not employed	909	949	30.9	32.5
Families maintained by men[1]	726	775	100.0	100.0
Father employed	639	666	88.0	85.9
Father not employed	87	110	12.0	14.2

[1] No spouse present.

NOTE: Own children include sons, daughters, stepchildren, and adopted children. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and other related and unrelated children. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Table 5. Employment status of the population by sex, marital status, and presence and age of own children under 18, 2000-01 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	2000			2001		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS						
Civilian noninstitutional population	63,267	27,673	35,595	63,185	27,641	35,543
Civilian labor force	51,944	26,202	25,742	51,775	26,142	25,633
Participation rate	82.1	94.7	72.3	81.9	94.6	72.1
Employed	50,259	25,622	24,637	49,773	25,358	24,415
Employment-population ratio	79.4	92.6	69.2	78.8	91.7	68.7
Full-time workers[1]	43,365	24,922	18,443	42,815	24,586	18,229
Part-time workers[2]	6,894	699	6,195	6,958	773	6,186
Unemployed	1,685	581	1,104	2,002	784	1,218
Unemployment rate	3.2	2.2	4.3	3.9	3.0	4.8
Married, spouse present						
Civilian noninstitutional population	51,415	25,540	25,874	51,175	25,390	25,785
Civilian labor force	42,361	24,290	18,072	42,083	24,129	17,954
Participation rate	82.4	95.1	69.8	82.2	95.0	69.6
Employed	41,357	23,816	17,541	40,828	23,481	17,347
Employment-population ratio	80.4	93.2	67.8	79.8	92.5	67.3
Full-time workers[1]	35,793	23,212	12,581	35,232	22,813	12,419
Part-time workers[2]	5,564	604	4,960	5,597	668	4,928
Unemployed	1,004	474	531	1,255	648	607
Unemployment rate	2.4	2.0	2.9	3.0	2.7	3.4
Other marital status[3]						
Civilian noninstitutional population	11,853	2,132	9,720	12,010	2,252	9,758
Civilian labor force	9,583	1,913	7,670	9,693	2,013	7,679
Participation rate	80.8	89.7	78.9	80.7	89.4	78.7
Employed	8,902	1,806	7,096	8,945	1,877	7,068
Employment-population ratio	75.1	84.7	73.0	74.5	83.3	72.4
Full-time workers[1]	7,572	1,710	5,862	7,584	1,773	5,811
Part-time workers[2]	1,330	96	1,234	1,361	105	1,257
Unemployed	681	107	574	747	136	611
Unemployment rate	7.1	5.6	7.5	7.7	6.8	8.0
WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER						
Civilian noninstitutional population	34,737	15,165	19,572	35,191	15,341	19,850
Civilian labor force	29,576	14,178	15,398	29,908	14,358	15,550
Participation rate	85.1	93.5	78.7	85.0	93.6	78.3
Employed	28,744	13,877	14,868	28,912	13,970	14,942
Employment-population ratio	82.7	91.5	76.0	82.2	91.1	75.3
Full-time workers[1]	25,042	13,513	11,529	25,148	13,568	11,580
Part-time workers[2]	3,703	364	3,339	3,764	402	3,362
Unemployed	832	302	530	995	387	608
Unemployment rate	2.8	2.1	3.4	3.3	2.7	3.9
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS						
Civilian noninstitutional population	28,530	12,508	16,022	27,993	12,301	15,693
Civilian labor force	22,368	12,024	10,344	21,867	11,784	10,083
Participation rate	78.4	96.1	64.6	78.1	95.8	64.3
Employed	21,515	11,745	9,770	20,861	11,388	9,473
Employment-population ratio	75.4	93.9	61.0	74.5	92.6	60.4
Full-time workers[1]	18,323	11,410	6,914	17,667	11,017	6,649
Part-time workers[2]	3,191	335	2,856	3,194	370	2,824
Unemployed	853	279	574	1,006	396	610
Unemployment rate	3.8	2.3	5.6	4.6	3.4	6.0
WITH NO OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS						
Civilian noninstitutional population	145,199	71,825	73,374	147,196	72,733	74,464
Civilian labor force	88,014	48,140	39,874	88,948	48,510	40,438
Participation rate	60.6	67.0	54.3	60.4	66.7	54.3
Employed	84,058	45,781	38,278	84,227	45,650	38,577
Employment-population ratio	57.9	63.7	52.2	57.2	62.8	51.8
Full-time workers[1]	68,046	39,136	28,910	67,977	38,898	29,079
Part-time workers[2]	16,012	6,645	9,367	16,250	6,752	9,498
Unemployed	3,956	2,359	1,596	4,721	2,860	1,861
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.9	4.0	5.3	5.9	4.6

[1] Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.
[2] Usually work less than 35 hours a week at all jobs.
[3] Includes never-married, divorced, separated, and widowed persons.

NOTE: See NOTE, table 4.

Table 6. Employment status of mothers with own children under 3 years old by single year of age of youngest child, and marital status, 2000-01 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force							
		Total	Percent of population	Employed				Unemployed	
				Total	Percent of population	Full-time workers[1]	Part-time workers[2]	Number	Percent of labor force
2000									
TOTAL MOTHERS									
With own children under 3 years old	9,356	5,653	60.4	5,311	56.8	3,614	1,697	342	6.0
2 years	2,803	1,807	64.5	1,712	61.1	1,193	519	95	5.3
1 year	3,300	2,069	62.7	1,939	58.8	1,310	629	130	6.3
Under 1 year	3,253	1,777	54.6	1,660	51.0	1,112	548	117	6.6
Married, spouse present									
With own children under 3 years old	7,056	4,090	58.0	3,940	55.8	2,613	1,327	150	3.7
2 years	2,096	1,276	60.9	1,233	58.9	823	411	42	3.3
1 year	2,499	1,503	60.1	1,448	57.9	953	495	55	3.6
Under 1 year	2,461	1,312	53.3	1,259	51.1	837	421	53	4.1
Other marital status[3]									
With own children under 3 years old	2,300	1,563	67.9	1,371	59.6	1,002	370	191	12.2
2 years	707	531	75.1	478	67.6	370	108	53	9.9
1 year	801	566	70.7	491	61.3	357	134	75	13.2
Under 1 year	792	465	58.8	402	50.7	275	127	64	13.7
2001									
TOTAL MOTHERS									
With own children under 3 years old	9,177	5,526	60.2	5,142	56.0	3,527	1,616	383	6.9
2 years	2,787	1,834	65.8	1,719	61.7	1,194	525	115	6.3
1 year	3,344	2,020	60.4	1,881	56.2	1,285	597	139	6.9
Under 1 year	3,046	1,672	54.9	1,542	50.6	1,048	494	129	7.7
Married, spouse present									
With own children under 3 years old	6,921	3,979	57.5	3,808	55.0	2,546	1,263	171	4.3
2 years	2,069	1,280	61.9	1,229	59.4	818	411	51	4.0
1 year	2,533	1,450	57.2	1,389	54.8	920	469	62	4.3
Under 1 year	2,319	1,249	53.9	1,190	51.3	808	383	58	4.6
Other marital status[3]									
With own children under 3 years old	2,256	1,546	68.5	1,335	59.2	982	354	213	13.8
2 years	718	553	77.0	490	68.2	378	114	65	11.8
1 year	812	570	70.2	493	60.7	365	129	77	13.5
Under 1 year	726	423	58.3	352	48.5	239	111	71	16.8

[1] Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.
[2] Usually work less than 35 hours a week at all jobs.
[3] Includes never-married, divorced, separated, and widowed persons.
NOTE: See NOTE, table 4.

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EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES IN 2000

In 2000, 83.2 percent of U.S. families had at least one employed member, about unchanged from 1999, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Of the nation's 71.7 million families, 5.7 percent reported having an unemployed member, a decline of 0.3 percentage point from the previous year.

These data on employment, unemployment, and family relationships are collected as part of the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly sample survey of about 50,000 households. Families include married-couple families, as well as families maintained by a man or a woman with no spouse present. For further information about the CPS, see the Technical Note.

Families and Unemployment

In an average week in 2000, 4.1 million families had at least one member who was unemployed. Of these families, 72.3 percent also contained at least one employed family member. The proportion of black families with an unemployed member (10.2 percent) was higher than the proportion for either Hispanic (9.0 percent) or white families (5.0 percent). Among the families with unemployment, white and Hispanic families were more likely than black families to have at least one employed member. (See table 1.)

Families and Employment

From 1999 to 2000, the percentage of Hispanic families with an employed member rose a full percentage point to 87.5 percent, while the proportions for white families and for black families were about unchanged. Since 1994, when the series began, the proportions of black and Hispanic families with an employed member have increased by 7.2 and 6.2 percentage points, respectively, compared with a gain of 1.7 points for white families. (See table 1.)

Overall, 84.0 percent of married-couple families included an employed person in 2000, as did 86.5 percent of families maintained by men (no spouse present). Both proportions were essentially unchanged from 1999. In 2000, 78.5 percent of families maintained by women (no spouse present) included an employed person. This proportion was 0.9 percentage point higher than it had been in 1999 and about 9 points higher than in 1994. (See table 2.)

The proportion of all married-couple families in which only the husband worked was 19.2 percent in 2000, about the same as the year before. The proportion of married-couple families in which both the husband and wife were employed edged up over the year to 53.2 percent in 2000. (See table 2.)

Families with Children

In 2000, both parents were employed in 64.2 percent of married-couple families with children under 18, while the father, but not the mother, was employed in 29.2 percent of these families. Both proportions were about unchanged from a year earlier and have shown little change since 1994. The proportion of "traditional" families, that is, families in which the father, but not the mother, is employed, is much larger among couples with preschool children (under 6 years of age) than among families whose youngest child was 6 to 17 years old. (See table 4.)

Mothers

The unemployment rate for unmarried mothers—those who were single, widowed, divorced, or separated—with children under 18 declined by 0.6 percentage point in 2000 to 7.5 percent. The rate for married mothers, at 2.9 percent in 2000, was little changed over the year. (See table 5.)

The labor force participation rate for unmarried mothers increased over the year by 0.4 percentage point to 78.9 percent. Since 1994, the labor force participation rate for this group has grown by 11.6 percentage points. The rate for married mothers (who represent nearly three-quarters of all mothers) was unchanged in 2000 at 69.8 percent. (See table 5.)

The labor force participation rate for unmarried mothers with children under a year old was unchanged for the second year in a row at 58.8 percent. It had risen by about 13 percentage points between 1994 and 1998. The participation rate for married mothers with children under a year old (53.3 percent) declined by 2.5 percentage points over the year. This is the third straight decline for this measure. (See table 6.)

Technical Note

The estimates in this release are based on annual average data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a national sample survey of about 50,000 households conducted monthly for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by the U.S. Census Bureau. The information relates to the labor force status of persons 16 years old and over in the civilian noninstitutional population during an "average" week of the year.

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Reliability of the estimates

Statistics based on the CPS are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error. When a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed, there is a chance that the sample estimates may differ from the "true" population values they represent. The exact difference, or *sampling error*, varies depending on the particular sample selected, and this variability is measured by the standard error of the estimate. There is about a 90-percent chance, or level of confidence, that an estimate based on a sample will differ by no more than 1.6 standard errors from the "true" population value because of sampling error. BLS analyses are generally conducted at the 90-percent level of confidence.

The CPS data also are affected by *nonsampling error*. Nonsampling error can occur for many reasons, including the failure to sample a segment of the population, inability to obtain information for all respondents in the sample, inability or unwillingness of respondents to provide correct information, and errors made in the collection or processing of the data.

For a full discussion of the reliability of data from the CPS and information on estimating standard errors, see the "Explanatory Notes and Estimates of Error" section of *Employment and Earnings*.

Definitions

The principal definitions used in this release are described briefly below.

Family. A family is a group of two or more persons residing together who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption. The count of families is for "primary" families only, that is, the householder and all other persons related to and residing with the householder. Families are classified either as married-couple families or as families maintained by women or men without spouses.

Householder. The householder is the family reference person. This is the person (or one of the persons) in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented. The relationship of other individuals in the household is defined in terms of relationship to the householder.

Married, spouse present; other marital status. These terms denote the marital status of individuals at the time of interview. Married, spouse present, refers to husbands and wives living together in the same household, even though one may be temporarily absent on business, vacation, on a visit, in a hospital, etc. Other marital status includes persons who are never-married; married, spouse absent; widowed; or divorced. Married, spouse absent relates to persons who are separated due to marital problems, as well as husbands and wives who are living apart because one or the other was employed elsewhere, on duty with the Armed Forces, or any other reasons.

Children. Data on children refer to own children and include sons, daughters, adopted, and step-children of the husband, wife, or person maintaining the family. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, other related children, and all unrelated children living in the household.

Table 1. Employment and unemployment in families by race and Hispanic origin, 1999-2000 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	1999	2000
TOTAL		
Total families	71,250	71,680
With employed member(s)	59,185	59,626
As percent of total families	83.1	83.2
Some usually work full time[1]	55,123	55,683
With no employed member	12,065	12,054
As percent of total families	16.9	16.8
With unemployed member(s)	4,260	4,110
As percent of total families	6.0	5.7
Some member(s) employed	3,091	2,973
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	72.6	72.3
Some usually work full time[1]	2,771	2,675
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	65.0	65.1
White		
Total families	59,661	59,918
With employed member(s)	49,632	49,877
As percent of total families	83.2	83.2
Some usually work full time[1]	46,333	46,639
With no employed member	10,029	10,042
As percent of total families	16.8	16.8
With unemployed member(s)	3,134	3,010
As percent of total families	5.3	5.0
Some member(s) employed	2,374	2,276
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	75.8	75.6
Some usually work full time[1]	2,132	2,052
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	68.0	68.2
Black		
Total families	8,498	8,600
With employed member(s)	6,847	6,964
As percent of total families	80.6	81.0
Some usually work full time[1]	6,249	6,401
With no employed member	1,652	1,636
As percent of total families	19.4	19.0
With unemployed member(s)	905	881
As percent of total families	10.6	10.2
Some member(s) employed	551	535
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	60.8	60.8
Some usually work full time[1]	486	476
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	53.7	54.1
Hispanic origin		
Total families	7,403	7,581
With employed member(s)	6,405	6,633
As percent of total families	86.5	87.5
Some usually work full time[1]	6,017	6,255
With no employed member	998	947
As percent of total families	13.5	12.5
With unemployed member(s)	715	679
As percent of total families	9.7	9.0
Some member(s) employed	518	493
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	72.5	72.7
Some usually work full time[1]	467	446
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	65.3	65.8

[1] Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the 'other races' group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups. Data for 2000 are not strictly comparable with data for 1999 and earlier years because of the introduction of revised population controls in the household survey in January 2000. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Due to a change in the way the data were processed, some percents and rates shown for 1999 will differ slightly from previously published data.

Table 2. Families by presence and relationship of employed members and family type, 1999-2000 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	1999	2000	1999	2000
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES				
Total	54,468	54,704	100.0	100.0
Member(s) employed, total	45,800	45,967	84.1	84.0
Husband only	10,533	10,500	19.3	19.2
Wife only	2,980	2,946	5.5	5.4
Husband and wife	28,882	29,128	53.0	53.2
Other employment combinations	3,404	3,394	6.3	6.2
No member(s) employed	8,668	8,737	15.9	16.0
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN[1]				
Total	12,625	12,775	100.0	100.0
Members(s) employed, total	9,797	10,026	77.6	78.5
Householder only	5,566	5,581	44.1	43.7
Householder and other member(s)	2,663	2,806	21.1	22.0
Other member(s), not householder	1,568	1,639	12.4	12.8
No member(s) employed	2,827	2,749	22.4	21.5
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN[1]				
Total	4,158	4,200	100.0	100.0
Members(s) employed, total	3,588	3,632	86.3	86.5
Householder only	1,718	1,761	41.3	41.9
Householder and other member(s)	1,353	1,358	32.5	32.3
Other member(s), not householder	517	514	12.4	12.2
No member(s) employed	569	567	13.7	13.5

[1] No spouse present.

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Table 3. Unemployment in families by presence and relationship of employed members and family type, 1999-2000 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	1999	2000	1999	2000
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES				
With unemployed member(s), total	2,705	2,584	100.0	100.0
No member employed	440	411	16.3	15.9
Some member(s) employed	2,265	2,174	83.7	84.1
Husband unemployed	924	836	34.2	32.3
Wife employed	589	531	21.8	20.5
Wife unemployed	790	789	29.2	30.5
Husband employed	696	694	25.8	26.8
Other family member unemployed	991	959	36.6	37.1
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN[1]				
With unemployed member(s), total	1,222	1,194	100.0	100.0
No member employed	613	587	50.2	49.1
Some member(s) employed	609	607	49.8	50.9
Householder unemployed	560	522	45.8	43.7
Other member(s) employed	110	102	9.0	8.5
Other member(s) unemployed	662	672	54.2	56.3
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN[1]				
With unemployed member(s), total	333	331	100.0	100.0
No member employed	115	139	34.6	42.0
Some member(s) employed	218	192	65.4	58.0
Householder unemployed	154	173	46.4	52.2
Other member(s) employed	71	67	21.4	20.4
Other member(s) unemployed	178	158	53.6	47.8

[1] No spouse present.

NOTE: Data for 2000 are not strictly comparable with data for 1999 and earlier years because of the introduction of revised population controls in the household survey in January 2000. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Due to a change in the way the data were processed, some percents and rates shown for 1999 will differ slightly from previously published data.

Table 4. Families with own children: Employment status of parents by age of youngest child and family type, 1999-2000 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	1999	2000	1999	2000
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS				
Total	34,340	34,340	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	31,493	31,601	91.7	92.0
No parent employed	2,847	2,739	8.3	8.0
Married-couple families	24,904	24,915	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	24,243	24,282	97.3	97.5
Mother employed	16,995	17,012	68.2	68.3
Both parents employed	15,958	15,996	64.1	64.2
Mother employed, not father	1,037	1,016	4.2	4.1
Father employed, not mother	7,249	7,270	29.1	29.2
Neither parent employed	661	633	2.7	2.5
Families maintained by women[1]	7,653	7,613	100.0	100.0
Mother employed	5,713	5,751	74.6	75.5
Mother not employed	1,940	1,862	25.4	24.5
Families maintained by men[1]	1,782	1,812	100.0	100.0
Father employed	1,537	1,568	86.3	86.5
Father not employed	245	244	13.7	13.5
WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER				
Total	19,364	19,382	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	17,824	17,892	92.0	92.3
No parent employed	1,540	1,490	8.0	7.7
Married-couple families	13,565	13,628	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	13,174	13,248	97.1	97.2
Mother employed	10,113	10,247	74.6	75.2
Both parents employed	9,446	9,575	69.6	70.3
Mother employed, not father	667	672	4.9	4.9
Father employed, not mother	3,061	3,001	22.6	22.0
Neither parent employed	391	380	2.9	2.8
Families maintained by women[1]	4,722	4,668	100.0	100.0
Mother employed	3,737	3,715	79.1	79.6
Mother not employed	985	954	20.9	20.4
Families maintained by men[1]	1,077	1,086	100.0	100.0
Father employed	913	929	84.8	85.6
Father not employed	164	157	15.2	14.4
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS				
Total	14,976	14,958	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	13,669	13,708	91.3	91.6
No parent employed	1,307	1,249	8.7	8.4
Married-couple families	11,340	11,287	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	11,069	11,034	97.6	97.8
Mother employed	6,882	6,765	60.7	59.9
Both parents employed	6,512	6,421	57.4	56.9
Mother employed, not father	370	344	3.3	3.0
Father employed, not mother	4,187	4,269	36.9	37.8
Neither parent employed	270	254	2.4	2.2
Families maintained by women[1]	2,931	2,945	100.0	100.0
Mother employed	1,976	2,036	67.4	69.1
Mother not employed	956	909	32.6	30.9
Families maintained by men[1]	705	726	100.0	100.0
Father employed	624	639	88.5	88.0
Father not employed	81	87	11.5	12.0

[1] No spouse present.

NOTE: Own children include sons, daughters, step-children and adopted children. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and other related and unrelated children. Data for 2000 are not strictly comparable with data for 1999 and earlier years because of the introduction of revised population controls in the household survey in January 2000. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Due to a change in the way the data were processed, some percents and rates shown for 1999 will differ slightly from previously published data.

Table 5. Employment status of the population by sex, marital status, and presence and age of own children under 18, 1999-2000 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	1999			2000		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS						
Civilian noninstitutional population	63,158	27,573	35,585	63,267	27,673	35,595
Civilian labor force	51,778	26,092	25,686	51,944	26,202	25,742
Participation rate	82.0	94.6	72.2	82.1	94.7	72.3
Employed	50,010	25,472	24,538	50,259	25,622	24,637
Employment-population ratio	79.2	92.4	69.0	79.4	92.6	69.2
Full-time workers[1]	43,033	24,712	18,321	43,365	24,922	18,443
Part-time workers[2]	6,977	761	6,216	6,894	699	6,195
Unemployed	1,768	620	1,149	1,685	581	1,104
Unemployment rate	3.4	2.4	4.5	3.2	2.2	4.3
Married, spouse present						
Civilian noninstitutional population	51,302	25,462	25,840	51,415	25,540	25,874
Civilian labor force	42,260	24,222	18,038	42,361	24,290	18,072
Participation rate	82.4	95.1	69.8	82.4	95.1	69.8
Employed	41,193	23,688	17,505	41,357	23,816	17,541
Employment-population ratio	80.3	93.0	67.7	80.4	93.2	67.8
Full-time workers[1]	35,568	23,024	12,544	35,793	23,212	12,581
Part-time workers[2]	5,625	664	4,961	5,564	604	4,960
Unemployed	1,067	534	533	1,004	474	531
Unemployment rate	2.5	2.2	3.0	2.4	2.0	2.9
Other marital status[3]						
Civilian noninstitutional population	11,856	2,110	9,746	11,853	2,132	9,720
Civilian labor force	9,518	1,870	7,648	9,583	1,913	7,670
Participation rate	80.3	88.6	78.5	80.8	89.7	78.9
Employed	8,817	1,784	7,032	8,902	1,806	7,096
Employment-population ratio	74.4	84.6	72.2	75.1	84.7	73.0
Full-time workers[1]	7,465	1,687	5,777	7,572	1,710	5,862
Part-time workers[2]	1,352	97	1,255	1,330	96	1,234
Unemployed	702	86	616	681	107	574
Unemployment rate	7.4	4.6	8.1	7.1	5.6	7.5
WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER						
Civilian noninstitutional population	34,662	15,090	19,572	34,737	15,165	19,572
Civilian labor force	29,403	14,092	15,311	29,576	14,178	15,398
Participation rate	84.8	93.4	78.2	85.1	93.5	78.7
Employed	28,528	13,782	14,747	28,744	13,877	14,868
Employment-population ratio	82.3	91.3	75.3	82.7	91.5	76.0
Full-time workers[1]	24,807	13,385	11,422	25,042	13,513	11,529
Part-time workers[2]	3,722	397	3,325	3,703	364	3,339
Unemployed	875	310	564	832	302	530
Unemployment rate	3.0	2.2	3.7	2.8	2.1	3.4
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS						
Civilian noninstitutional population	28,496	12,482	16,014	28,530	12,508	16,022
Civilian labor force	22,375	12,000	10,375	22,368	12,024	10,344
Participation rate	78.5	96.1	64.8	78.4	96.1	64.6
Employed	21,482	11,691	9,791	21,515	11,745	9,770
Employment-population ratio	75.4	93.7	61.1	75.4	93.9	61.0
Full-time workers[1]	18,227	11,327	6,900	18,323	11,410	6,914
Part-time workers[2]	3,255	364	2,891	3,191	335	2,856
Unemployed	894	310	584	853	279	574
Unemployment rate	4.0	2.6	5.6	3.8	2.3	5.6
WITH NO OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS						
Civilian noninstitutional population	143,160	70,714	72,446	145,199	71,825	73,374
Civilian labor force	86,424	47,255	39,169	88,014	48,140	39,874
Participation rate	60.4	66.8	54.1	60.6	67.0	54.3
Employed	82,333	44,828	37,504	84,058	45,781	38,278
Employment-population ratio	57.5	63.4	51.8	57.9	63.7	52.2
Full-time workers[1]	66,136	38,086	28,051	68,046	39,136	28,910
Part-time workers[2]	16,196	6,743	9,454	16,012	6,645	9,367
Unemployed	4,091	2,426	1,665	3,956	2,359	1,596
Unemployment rate	4.7	5.1	4.3	4.5	4.9	4.0

[1] Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.
[2] Usually work less than 35 hours a week at all jobs.
[3] Includes never-married, divorced, separated, and widowed persons.

NOTE: See NOTE, table 4.

Table 6. Employment status of mothers with own children under 3 years old by single year of age of youngest child and by marital status, 1999-2000 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force							
		Total	Percent of population	Employed				Unemployed	
				Total	Percent of population	Full-time workers[1]	Part-time workers[2]	Number	Percent of labor force
1999									
TOTAL MOTHERS									
With own children under 3 years old	9,339	5,742	61.5	5,389	57.7	3,692	1,697	353	6.1
2 years	2,890	1,888	65.3	1,788	61.9	1,257	530	101	5.3
1 year	3,283	2,062	62.8	1,934	58.9	1,298	635	128	6.2
Under 1 year	3,166	1,792	56.6	1,668	52.7	1,137	531	124	6.9
Married, spouse present									
With own children under 3 years old	7,089	4,224	59.6	4,078	57.5	2,744	1,334	147	3.5
2 years	2,175	1,356	62.4	1,316	60.5	898	419	40	2.9
1 year	2,522	1,532	60.8	1,477	58.6	964	513	56	3.6
Under 1 year	2,392	1,336	55.8	1,285	53.7	882	403	51	3.8
Other marital status[3]									
With own children under 3 years old	2,251	1,517	67.4	1,311	58.3	949	362	206	13.6
2 years	715	532	74.4	472	65.9	360	112	61	11.4
1 year	761	529	69.5	457	60.0	334	123	72	13.7
Under 1 year	774	456	58.8	383	49.5	255	128	73	16.0
2000									
TOTAL MOTHERS									
With own children under 3 years old	9,356	5,653	60.4	5,311	56.8	3,614	1,697	342	6.0
2 years	2,803	1,807	64.5	1,712	61.1	1,193	519	95	5.3
1 year	3,300	2,069	62.7	1,939	58.8	1,310	629	130	6.3
Under 1 year	3,253	1,777	54.6	1,660	51.0	1,112	548	117	6.6
Married, spouse present									
With own children under 3 years old	7,056	4,090	58.0	3,940	55.8	2,613	1,327	150	3.7
2 years	2,096	1,276	60.9	1,233	58.9	823	411	42	3.3
1 year	2,499	1,503	60.1	1,448	57.9	953	495	55	3.6
Under 1 year	2,461	1,312	53.3	1,259	51.1	837	421	53	4.1
Other marital status[3]									
With own children under 3 years old	2,300	1,563	67.9	1,371	59.6	1,002	370	191	12.2
2 years	707	531	75.1	478	67.6	370	108	53	9.9
1 year	801	566	70.7	491	61.3	357	134	75	13.2
Under 1 year	792	465	58.8	402	50.7	275	127	64	13.7

[1] Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.
[2] Usually work less than 35 hours a week at all jobs.
[3] Includes never-married, divorced, separated, and widowed persons.
NOTE: See NOTE, table 4.

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EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES IN 1999

In 1999, 83.1 percent of U.S. families had at least one employed member, up 0.5 percentage point from 1998, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Of the nation's 71.3 million families, 6.0 percent reported having an unemployed member, a decline of 0.4 percentage point from the previous year.

These data on employment, unemployment, and family relationships are collected as part of the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly sample survey of about 50,000 households. For further information about the CPS, see the Technical Note.

Families

In an average week in 1999, 4.3 million families had at least one member who was unemployed. Of these families with unemployment, 72.6 percent also contained at least one employed family member. Black families were more likely to have an unemployed member (10.6 percent) than either Hispanic (9.7 percent) or white families (5.3 percent). Among the families with unemployment, white and Hispanic families also were more likely than black families to have at least one employed member. (See table 1.)

The proportion of black families with an employed member increased by 1.8 percentage points in 1999 to 80.6 percent, and the percentage of Hispanic families with an employed member also grew by 1.8 points to 86.5 percent. In contrast, the proportion for white families edged up a modest 0.3 percentage point over the year to 83.2 percent. Since 1994, the proportion of black families with an employed member has increased by 6.8 percentage points, compared with 5.2 percentage points for Hispanic families and 1.7 points for white families. (See table 1.)

Overall, 84.1 percent of married-couple families included an employed person in 1999, as did 86.3 percent of families maintained by men. Both proportions were about unchanged over the year. Among families maintained by women, a smaller proportion (77.6 percent) included an employed person; however, this proportion rose by 1.9 percentage points between 1998 and 1999. (See table 2.)

Families in which only the husband worked comprised 19.3 percent of all married-couple families in 1999, about the same proportion as the year before. Likewise, the proportion of married-couple families in which both the husband and wife were employed was little changed at 53.0 percent in 1999. (See table 2.)

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In 1999, both parents were employed in 64.1 percent of married-couple families with children under 18, while the father, but not the mother, was employed in 29.1 percent of these families. Both proportions were about unchanged from a year earlier. The proportion of "traditional" families, that is, families in which the father, but not the mother, is employed, is much larger among couples with preschool children (under 6 years of age) than among families whose youngest child was 6 to 17 years old. (See table 4.) Since 1994, the proportion of married-couple families with children under 18 in which both parents were employed has grown, while the proportion in which only the father was employed has shown little change.

Mothers

The unemployment rate for married mothers with children under 18—3.0 percent in 1999—was little changed over the year. In contrast, the unemployment rate for unmarried mothers—that is, those who were single, widowed, divorced, or separated—declined by 1.3 percentage points, from 9.3 percent in 1998 to 8.0 percent in 1999. The unemployment rate for mothers with children under 6 declined to 5.6 percent, while the rate for mothers whose youngest child was 6 to 17 years old was about unchanged at 3.7 percent. (See table 5.)

The overall labor force participation rate of mothers, at 72.2 percent in 1999, was little changed from the previous year. The participation rate for unmarried mothers, however, increased over the year by 1.8 percentage points to 78.5 percent. The rate for married mothers (who represent nearly three-quarters of mothers) was about unchanged at 69.8 percent. (See table 5.)

The labor force participation rate for unmarried mothers with children under a year old was virtually unchanged in 1999 at 58.9 percent. It had risen by about 13 percentage points between 1994 and 1998. The participation rate for married mothers with children under a year old (55.9 percent) was also little changed over the year. (See table 6.)

Revisions in Household Survey Data

Data for 1999 in this release incorporate revisions to the population controls used in the estimation process that were introduced into the household survey in January 1999. The new controls produce estimates of families and family members that are generally somewhat higher than would have been the case had the controls remained unchanged. For example, the number of families with an employed member is raised by about 200,000 and the number of mothers in the labor force is increased by about 120,000. The change had virtually no impact on estimates of labor force participation rates and unemployment rates. Detailed information on the effect of these changes on data from the Current Population Survey can be found in the article, "Revisions in the Current Population Survey Effective January 1999," in the February 1999 issue of *Employment and Earnings*.

Technical Note

The estimates in this release are based on annual average data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a national sample survey of about 50,000 households conducted monthly for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by the U.S. Census Bureau. The information relates to the labor force status of persons 16 years old and over in the civilian noninstitutional population during an "average" week of the year.

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Reliability of the estimates

Statistics based on the CPS are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error. When a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed, there is a chance that the sample estimates may differ from the "true" population values they represent. The exact difference, or *sampling error*, varies depending on the particular sample selected, and this variability is measured by the standard error of the estimate. There is about a 90-percent chance, or level of confidence, that an estimate based on a sample will differ by no more than 1.6 standard errors from the "true" population value because of sampling error. BLS analyses are generally conducted at the 90-percent level of confidence.

The CPS data also are affected by *nonsampling error*. Nonsampling error can occur for many reasons, including the failure to sample a segment of the population, inability to obtain information for all respondents in the sample, inability or unwillingness of respondents to provide correct information, and errors made in the collection or processing of the data.

For a full discussion of the reliability of data from the CPS and information on estimating standard errors, see the "Explanatory Notes and Estimates of Error" section of *Employment and Earnings*.

Definitions

The principal definitions used in this release are described briefly below.

Family. A family is a group of two or more persons residing together who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption. The count of families is for "primary" families only, that is, the householder and all other persons related to and residing with the householder. Families are classified either as married-couple families or as families maintained by women or men without spouses.

Householder. The householder is the family reference person. This is the person (or one of the persons) in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented. The relationship of other individuals in the household is defined in terms of relationship to the householder.

Married, spouse present; other marital status. These terms denote the marital status of individuals at the time of interview. Married, spouse present, refers to husbands and wives living together in the same household, even though one may be temporarily absent on business, vacation, on a visit, in a hospital, etc. Other marital status includes persons who are never-married; married, spouse absent; widowed; or divorced. Married, spouse absent relates to persons who are separated due to marital problems, as well as husbands and wives who are living apart because one or the other was employed elsewhere, on duty with the Armed Forces, or any other reasons.

Children. Data on children refer to own children and include sons, daughters, adopted, and step-children of the husband, wife, or person maintaining the family. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, other related children, and all unrelated children living in the household.

Table 1. Employment and unemployment in families by race and Hispanic origin, 1998-99 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	1998	1999
TOTAL		
Total families	70,218	71,250
With employed member(s)	57,986	59,185
As percent of total families	82.6	83.1
Some usually work full time[1]	53,945	55,123
With no employed member	12,232	12,065
As percent of total families	17.4	16.9
With unemployed member(s)	4,503	4,260
As percent of total families	6.4	6.0
Some member(s) employed	3,177	3,091
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	70.6	72.6
Some usually work full time[1]	2,830	2,771
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	62.8	65.0
White		
Total families	58,930	59,661
With employed member(s)	48,850	49,632
As percent of total families	82.9	83.2
Some usually work full time[1]	45,567	46,333
With no employed member	10,080	10,029
As percent of total families	17.1	16.8
With unemployed member(s)	3,299	3,134
As percent of total families	5.6	5.3
Some member(s) employed	2,463	2,374
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	74.7	75.7
Some usually work full time[1]	2,204	2,132
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	66.8	68.0
Black		
Total families	8,317	8,498
With employed member(s)	6,554	6,847
As percent of total families	78.8	80.6
Some usually work full time[1]	5,953	6,249
With no employed member	1,763	1,652
As percent of total families	21.2	19.4
With unemployed member(s)	984	905
As percent of total families	11.8	10.6
Some member(s) employed	555	551
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	56.4	60.9
Some usually work full time[1]	485	486
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	49.3	53.7
Hispanic origin		
Total families	7,025	7,403
With employed member(s)	5,947	6,405
As percent of total families	84.7	86.5
Some usually work full time[1]	5,545	6,017
With no employed member	1,078	998
As percent of total families	15.3	13.5
With unemployed member(s)	744	715
As percent of total families	10.6	9.7
Some member(s) employed	522	518
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	70.2	72.4
Some usually work full time[1]	467	467
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	62.8	65.3

[1] Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the 'other races' group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups. Data for 1999 are not strictly comparable with data for 1998 and earlier years because of the introduction of revised population controls in the household survey in January 1999. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Table 2. Families by presence and relationship of employed members and family type, 1998-99 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES				
Total	53,689	54,468	100.0	100.0
Member(s) employed, total	45,061	45,800	83.9	84.1
Husband only	10,285	10,533	19.2	19.3
Wife only	2,843	2,980	5.3	5.5
Husband and wife	28,531	28,882	53.1	53.0
Other employment combinations	3,402	3,404	6.3	6.2
No member(s) employed	8,628	8,669	16.1	15.9
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN[1]				
Total	12,447	12,625	100.0	100.0
Members(s) employed, total	9,417	9,797	75.7	77.6
Householder only	5,322	5,566	42.8	44.1
Householder and other member(s)	2,582	2,663	20.7	21.1
Other member(s), not householder	1,513	1,568	12.2	12.4
No member(s) employed	3,029	2,827	24.3	22.4
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN[1]				
Total	4,083	4,158	100.0	100.0
Members(s) employed, total	3,509	3,588	85.9	86.3
Householder only	1,746	1,718	42.8	41.3
Householder and other member(s)	1,283	1,353	31.4	32.5
Other member(s), not householder	480	517	11.8	12.4
No member(s) employed	574	569	14.1	13.7

[1] No spouse present.

NOTE: Data for 1999 are not strictly comparable with data for 1998 and earlier years because of the introduction of revised population controls in the household survey in January 1999. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Table 3. Unemployment in families by presence and relationship of employed members and family type, 1998-99 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES				
With unemployed member(s), total	2,815	2,705	100.0	100.0
No member employed	471	440	16.7	16.3
Some member(s) employed	2,343	2,265	83.2	83.7
Husband unemployed	948	924	33.7	34.2
Wife employed	594	589	21.1	21.8
Wife unemployed	844	790	30.0	29.2
Husband employed	745	696	26.5	25.7
Other family member unemployed	1,023	991	36.3	36.6
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN[1]				
With unemployed member(s), total	1,301	1,222	100.0	100.0
No member employed	696	613	53.5	50.2
Some member(s) employed	605	609	46.5	49.8
Householder unemployed	612	560	47.0	45.8
Other member(s) employed	99	110	7.6	9.0
Other member(s) unemployed	689	662	53.0	54.2
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN[1]				
With unemployed member(s), total	388	333	100.0	100.0
No member employed	158	115	40.7	34.5
Some member(s) employed	229	218	59.0	65.5
Householder unemployed	186	154	47.9	46.2
Other member(s) employed	69	71	17.8	21.3
Other member(s) unemployed	202	178	52.1	53.5

[1] No spouse present.

NOTE: Data for 1999 are not strictly comparable with data for 1998 and earlier years because of the introduction of revised population controls in the household survey in January 1999. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Table 4. Families with own children: Employment status of parents by age of youngest child and family type, 1998-99 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS				
Total	34,232	34,340	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	31,100	31,493	90.9	91.7
No parent employed	3,130	2,847	9.1	8.3
Married-couple families	24,820	24,904	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	24,088	24,243	97.1	97.3
Mother employed	16,911	16,995	68.1	68.2
Both parents employed	15,906	15,958	64.1	64.1
Mother employed, not father	1,005	1,037	4.0	4.2
Father employed, not mother	7,178	7,249	28.9	29.1
Neither parent employed	731	662	2.9	2.7
Families maintained by women[1]	7,573	7,653	100.0	100.0
Mother employed	5,440	5,713	71.8	74.7
Mother not employed	2,133	1,940	28.2	25.3
Families maintained by men[1]	1,839	1,782	100.0	100.0
Father employed	1,572	1,537	85.5	86.3
Father not employed	266	245	14.5	13.7
WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER				
Total	19,209	19,364	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	17,551	17,825	91.4	92.1
No parent employed	1,658	1,539	8.6	7.9
Married-couple families	13,496	13,565	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	13,065	13,175	96.8	97.1
Mother employed	9,991	10,113	74.0	74.6
Both parents employed	9,338	9,446	69.2	69.6
Mother employed, not father	653	668	4.8	4.9
Father employed, not mother	3,074	3,061	22.8	22.6
Neither parent employed	431	390	3.2	2.9
Families maintained by women[1]	4,638	4,722	100.0	100.0
Mother employed	3,573	3,737	77.0	79.1
Mother not employed	1,065	985	23.0	20.9
Families maintained by men[1]	1,075	1,077	100.0	100.0
Father employed	913	913	84.9	84.8
Father not employed	162	164	15.1	15.2
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS				
Total	15,023	14,976	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	13,550	13,670	90.2	91.3
No parent employed	1,473	1,307	9.8	8.7
Married-couple families	11,324	11,340	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	11,023	11,070	97.3	97.6
Mother employed	6,920	6,882	61.1	60.7
Both parents employed	6,567	6,512	58.0	57.4
Mother employed, not father	352	370	3.1	3.3
Father employed, not mother	4,103	4,188	36.2	36.9
Neither parent employed	301	270	2.7	2.4
Families maintained by women[1]	2,936	2,931	100.0	100.0
Mother employed	1,867	1,976	63.6	67.4
Mother not employed	1,068	956	36.4	32.6
Families maintained by men[1]	763	705	100.0	100.0
Father employed	660	624	86.5	88.5
Father not employed	104	81	13.6	11.5

[1] No spouse present.

NOTE: Own children include sons, daughters, step-children, and adopted children. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and other related and unrelated children. Data for 1999 are not strictly comparable with data for 1998 and earlier years because of the introduction of revised population controls in the household survey in January 1999. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Table 5. Employment status of the population by sex, marital status, and presence and age of own children under 18, 1998-99 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	1998			1999		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS						
Civilian noninstitutional population	62,912	27,489	35,423	63,158	27,573	35,585
Civilian labor force	51,462	26,018	25,443	51,778	26,092	25,686
Participation rate	81.8	94.6	71.8	82.0	94.6	72.2
Employed	49,480	25,333	24,147	50,010	25,472	24,538
Employment-population ratio	78.6	92.2	68.2	79.2	92.4	69.0
Full-time workers[1]	42,372	24,562	17,811	43,033	24,712	18,321
Part-time workers[2]	7,108	771	6,337	6,977	761	6,216
Unemployed	1,981	686	1,296	1,768	620	1,149
Unemployment rate	3.8	2.6	5.1	3.4	2.4	4.5
Married, spouse present						
Civilian noninstitutional population	51,061	25,325	25,737	51,302	25,462	25,840
Civilian labor force	42,088	24,080	18,009	42,260	24,222	18,038
Participation rate	82.4	95.1	70.0	82.4	95.1	69.8
Employed	40,914	23,506	17,408	41,193	23,688	17,505
Employment-population ratio	80.1	92.8	67.6	80.3	93.0	67.7
Full-time workers[1]	35,197	22,839	12,357	35,568	23,024	12,544
Part-time workers[2]	5,718	667	5,051	5,625	664	4,961
Unemployed	1,174	573	601	1,067	534	533
Unemployment rate	2.8	2.4	3.3	2.5	2.2	3.0
Other marital status[3]						
Civilian noninstitutional population	11,851	2,166	9,686	11,856	2,110	9,746
Civilian labor force	9,374	1,939	7,434	9,517	1,870	7,648
Participation rate	79.1	89.5	76.7	80.3	88.6	78.5
Employed	8,565	1,826	6,739	8,817	1,785	7,033
Employment-population ratio	72.3	84.3	69.6	74.4	84.6	72.2
Full-time workers[1]	7,177	1,724	5,453	7,466	1,687	5,778
Part-time workers[2]	1,391	104	1,286	1,351	97	1,255
Unemployed	807	113	695	701	86	615
Unemployment rate	8.6	5.8	9.3	7.4	4.6	8.0
WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER						
Civilian noninstitutional population	34,329	14,947	19,383	34,662	15,090	19,572
Civilian labor force	29,003	13,969	15,033	29,403	14,092	15,311
Participation rate	84.5	93.5	77.6	84.8	93.4	78.2
Employed	28,046	13,629	14,417	28,528	13,782	14,747
Employment-population ratio	81.7	91.2	74.4	82.3	91.3	75.3
Full-time workers[1]	24,286	13,238	11,048	24,807	13,385	11,422
Part-time workers[2]	3,760	391	3,369	3,722	397	3,325
Unemployed	957	340	617	875	310	564
Unemployment rate	3.3	2.4	4.1	3.0	2.2	3.7
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS						
Civilian noninstitutional population	28,583	12,543	16,040	28,496	12,482	16,014
Civilian labor force	22,459	12,049	10,410	22,375	12,000	10,375
Participation rate	78.6	96.1	64.9	78.5	96.1	64.8
Employed	21,434	11,703	9,731	21,482	11,691	9,791
Employment-population ratio	75.0	93.3	60.7	75.4	93.7	61.1
Full-time workers[1]	18,086	11,323	6,763	18,227	11,327	6,900
Part-time workers[2]	3,348	380	2,968	3,255	364	2,891
Unemployed	1,025	346	679	894	310	584
Unemployment rate	4.6	2.9	6.5	4.0	2.6	5.6
WITH NO OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS						
Civilian noninstitutional population	140,436	69,396	71,040	143,160	70,714	72,446
Civilian labor force	84,735	46,464	38,271	86,424	47,255	39,169
Participation rate	60.3	67.0	53.9	60.4	66.8	54.1
Employed	80,545	43,922	36,623	82,333	44,828	37,504
Employment-population ratio	57.4	63.3	51.6	57.5	63.4	51.8
Full-time workers[1]	64,429	37,226	27,203	66,136	38,086	28,051
Part-time workers[2]	16,116	6,696	9,420	16,196	6,743	9,454
Unemployed	4,190	2,542	1,648	4,091	2,426	1,665
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.5	4.3	4.7	5.1	4.3

[1] Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.
[2] Usually work less than 35 hours a week at all jobs.
[3] Includes never-married, divorced, separated, and widowed persons.

NOTE: See NOTE, table 4.

Table 6. Employment status of mothers with own children under 3 years old by single year of age of youngest child, and marital status, 1998-99 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force							
		Total	Percent of population	Employed				Unemployed	
				Total	Percent of population	Full-time workers[1]	Part-time workers[2]	Number	Percent of labor force
1998									
TOTAL MOTHERS									
With own children under 3 years old	9,333	5,779	61.9	5,384	57.7	3,626	1,758	395	6.8
2 years	2,772	1,786	64.4	1,673	60.4	1,149	524	113	6.3
1 year	3,213	2,055	64.0	1,917	59.7	1,281	636	138	6.7
Under 1 year	3,348	1,938	57.9	1,794	53.6	1,196	598	144	7.4
Married, spouse present									
With own children under 3 years old	7,110	4,316	60.7	4,145	58.3	2,765	1,380	171	4.0
2 years	2,073	1,291	62.3	1,244	60.0	831	413	47	3.6
1 year	2,493	1,560	62.6	1,497	60.0	989	508	63	4.0
Under 1 year	2,544	1,465	57.6	1,404	55.2	945	459	61	4.2
Other marital status[3]									
With own children under 3 years old	2,225	1,463	65.8	1,238	55.6	860	379	223	15.2
2 years	700	495	70.7	429	61.3	318	111	65	13.1
1 year	721	495	68.7	420	58.3	292	129	75	15.2
Under 1 year	804	473	58.8	389	48.4	250	139	83	17.5
1999									
TOTAL MOTHERS									
With own children under 3 years old	9,339	5,742	61.5	5,390	57.7	3,692	1,696	353	6.1
2 years	2,890	1,888	65.3	1,788	61.9	1,257	530	101	5.3
1 year	3,283	2,062	62.8	1,934	58.9	1,298	635	128	6.2
Under 1 year	3,166	1,792	56.6	1,668	52.7	1,137	531	124	6.9
Married, spouse present									
With own children under 3 years old	7,089	4,224	59.6	4,078	57.5	2,744	1,335	147	3.5
2 years	2,175	1,356	62.3	1,316	60.5	898	419	40	2.9
1 year	2,522	1,532	60.7	1,477	58.6	964	513	56	3.7
Under 1 year	2,392	1,336	55.9	1,285	53.7	882	403	51	3.8
Other marital status[3]									
With own children under 3 years old	2,249	1,519	67.5	1,310	58.2	950	363	207	13.6
2 years	714	533	74.6	471	66.0	360	112	62	11.6
1 year	761	530	69.6	457	60.1	335	123	72	13.6
Under 1 year	774	456	58.9	382	49.4	255	128	73	16.0

[1] Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.
[2] Usually work less than 35 hours a week at all jobs.
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NOTE: See NOTE, table 4.

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EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES IN 1998

In 1998, the proportion of U.S. families with at least one employed member was 82.6 percent, up 0.5 percentage point from 1997, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Of the nation's 70.2 million families, 6.4 percent reported having an unemployed member, a decline of 0.6 percentage point from the previous year.

These data on employment, unemployment, and family relationships are collected as part of the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly sample survey of about 50,000 households. Changes in the levels and percents shown in the text of this release reflect the effect of revised estimation procedures and, therefore, may not agree with changes calculated directly from data in the attached tables. (See box note at end of text.) For further information about the CPS, see the Technical Note.

Families

In an average week in 1998, 4.5 million families had at least one member who was unemployed, a decline of 394,000 from 1997. Of these 4.5 million families, 70.6 percent also contained at least one employed family member. (See table 1.)

The proportion of families with an unemployed member was much higher among blacks (11.8 percent) and Hispanics (10.6 percent) than among whites (5.6 percent). The proportion of families with an unemployed member that also had at least one employed member was higher for white and Hispanic families than for black families. (See table 1.)

Families maintained by women represented a little less than 30 percent of all families with an unemployed member, but accounted for nearly 40 percent of the over-the-year decrease in the number of families with unemployed members. (See tables 1 and 3.)

The proportion of black families with employed persons increased by 2.0 percentage points in 1998 to 78.8 percent, while the proportions for white and Hispanic families (82.9 percent and 84.7 percent, respectively) only edged up from the previous year. Since 1994, the proportion of black families with an employed member has increased by 5.3 percentage points, compared with 3.5 percentage points for Hispanic families and 1.5 points for white families. (See table 1.)

Overall, 83.9 percent of married-couple families included an employed person in 1998, as did 85.9 percent of families maintained by men. Both proportions were about unchanged over the year. Among families maintained by women, a smaller percentage (75.7 percent) included an employed person; however, this proportion rose by 1.9 percentage points over the year. (See table 2.)

Families in which only the husband worked comprised 19.2 percent of all married-couple families in 1998, about the same proportion as the year before. Likewise, the proportion of married-couple families that was comprised of "dual-worker" families—couples in which both the husband and wife worked—remained little changed at 53.1 percent. (See table 2.)

Both parents were employed in 64.1 percent of married-couple families with children under 18 in 1998, compared with 62.6 percent in 1994. The father, but not the mother, was employed in 28.9 percent of married-couple families with children under 18, compared with 25.0 percent in 1994; the proportion of these "traditional" families is much larger among couples with pre-school children (under 6 years of age) than those whose youngest child was 6 to 17 years old. (See table 4.)

Mothers

The unemployment rate for married mothers with children under 18 (3.3 percent in 1998) was little changed from 1997. In contrast, the unemployment rate of unmarried—that is, single, widowed, divorced, or separated—mothers (9.3 percent) declined by 1.1 percentage points in 1998. There was little over-the-year change in the rates for all mothers whose youngest child was 6 to 17 years old (4.1 percent) or for those with pre-school children (6.5 percent). (See table 5.)

The labor force participation rates were 71.8 percent for mothers and 94.6 percent for fathers in 1998. The participation rate for unmarried mothers increased over the year by 2.1 percentage points to 76.7 percent, while the rate for married mothers edged down by 0.5 percentage point to 70.0 percent. (See table 5.)

The labor force participation rate for unmarried mothers with children under a year old (58.8 percent) increased by 5.2 percentage points over the year. This participation rate has increased by 9.7 percentage points since 1996 and by 13.1 points since 1994. The participation rate for married mothers with children under a year old (57.6 percent) was down by 1.3 percentage points. (See table 6.)

Revisions in Household Survey Data

Data for 1998 in this release incorporate new composite estimation procedures and minor revisions in the population controls that were introduced into the household survey in January 1998. The new procedures produce estimates of families and family members engaged in labor force activity that are generally somewhat lower than would have been the case had the procedures remained unchanged. For example, the number of families with an employed member is reduced by 69,000. Also, the number that are dual-worker families (families in which both the husband and wife are employed) is lowered by 104,000, and the number of mothers in the labor force is reduced by 93,000. Detailed information on the effect of these changes on data from the Current Population Survey can be found in the article, "Revisions in the Current Population Survey Effective January 1998," in the February 1998 issue of *Employment and Earnings*.

Technical Note

The estimates in this release are based on annual average data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a national sample survey of about 50,000 households conducted monthly for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by the Bureau of the Census. The information relates to the labor force status of persons 16 years old and over in the civilian noninstitutional population during an "average" week of the year.

Information in this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: 202-606-STAT; TDD phone: 202-606-5897; TDD message referral phone number: 1-800-326-2577.

Reliability of the estimates

Statistics based on the CPS are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error. When a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed, there is a chance that the sample estimates may differ from the "true" population values they represent. The exact difference, or *sampling error*, varies depending on the particular sample selected, and this variability is measured by the standard error of the estimate. There is about a 90-percent chance, or level of confidence, that an estimate based on a sample will differ by no more than 1.6 standard errors from the "true" population value because of sampling error. BLS analyses are generally conducted at the 90-percent level of confidence.

The CPS data also are affected by *nonsampling error*. Nonsampling error can occur for many reasons, including the failure to sample a segment of the population, inability to obtain information for all respondents in the sample, inability or unwillingness of respondents to provide correct information, and errors made in the collection or processing of the data.

For a full discussion of the reliability of data from the CPS and information on estimating standard errors, see the "Explanatory Notes and Estimates of Error" section of the February 1994 and subsequent issues of *Employment and Earnings*.

Definitions

The principal definitions used in this release are described briefly below.

Family. A family is a group of two or more persons residing together who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption. The count of families is for "primary" families only, that is, the householder and all other persons related to and residing with the householder. Families are classified either as married-couple families or as families maintained by women or men without spouses.

Householder. The householder is the family reference person. This is the person (or one of the persons) in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented. The relationship of other individuals in the household is defined in terms of relationship to the householder.

Married, spouse present; other marital status. These terms denote the marital status of individuals at the time of interview. Married, spouse present, refers to husbands and wives living together in the same household, even though one may be temporarily absent on business, vacation, on a visit, in a hospital, etc. Other marital status includes persons who are never-married; married, spouse absent; widowed; or divorced. Married, spouse absent relates to persons who are separated due to marital problems, as well as husbands and wives who are living apart because one or the other was employed elsewhere, on duty with the Armed Forces, or any other reasons.

Children. Data on children refer to own children and include sons, daughters, adopted, and step-children of the husband, wife, or person maintaining the family. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, other related children, and all unrelated children living in the household.

Table 1. Employment and unemployment in families by race and Hispanic origin, 1997-98 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	1997	1998
TOTAL		
Total families	69,714	70,218
With employed member(s)	57,289	57,986
As percent of total families	82.2	82.6
Some usually work full time[1]	53,226	53,945
With no employed member	12,425	12,232
As percent of total families	17.8	17.4
With unemployed member(s)	4,913	4,503
As percent of total families	7.0	6.4
Some member(s) employed	3,445	3,177
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	70.1	70.6
Some usually work full time[1]	3,070	2,830
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	62.5	62.8
White		
Total families	58,514	58,930
With employed member(s)	48,378	48,850
As percent of total families	82.7	82.9
Some usually work full time[1]	45,069	45,567
With no employed member	10,135	10,080
As percent of total families	17.3	17.1
With unemployed member(s)	3,566	3,299
As percent of total families	6.1	5.6
Some member(s) employed	2,632	2,463
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	73.8	74.7
Some usually work full time[1]	2,353	2,204
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	66.0	66.8
Black		
Total families	8,308	8,317
With employed member(s)	6,409	6,554
As percent of total families	77.1	78.8
Some usually work full time[1]	5,810	5,953
With no employed member	1,899	1,763
As percent of total families	22.9	21.2
With unemployed member(s)	1,104	984
As percent of total families	13.3	11.8
Some member(s) employed	631	555
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	57.2	56.4
Some usually work full time[1]	553	485
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	50.1	49.3
Hispanic origin		
Total families	6,779	7,025
With employed member(s)	5,701	5,947
As percent of total families	84.1	84.7
Some usually work full time[1]	5,285	5,545
With no employed member	1,078	1,078
As percent of total families	15.9	15.3
With unemployed member(s)	789	744
As percent of total families	11.6	10.6
Some member(s) employed	532	522
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	67.4	70.2
Some usually work full time[1]	473	467
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	59.9	62.8

[1] Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups. Data for 1998 are not strictly comparable with data for 1997 and earlier years because of the introduction of new composite estimation procedures and revised population controls in the household survey in January 1998. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Table 2. Families by presence and relationship of employed members and family type, 1997-98 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	1997	1998	1997	1998
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES				
Total	53,248	53,689	100.0	100.0
Member(s) employed, total	44,641	45,061	83.8	83.9
Husband only	9,959	10,285	18.7	19.2
Wife only	2,839	2,843	5.3	5.3
Husband and wife	28,422	28,531	53.4	53.1
Other employment combinations	3,421	3,402	6.4	6.3
No member(s) employed	8,607	8,628	16.2	16.1
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN[1]				
Total	12,524	12,447	100.0	100.0
Members(s) employed, total	9,263	9,417	74.0	75.7
Householder only	5,282	5,322	42.2	42.8
Householder and other member(s)	2,484	2,582	19.8	20.7
Other member(s), not householder	1,497	1,513	12.0	12.2
No member(s) employed	3,261	3,029	26.0	24.3
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN[1]				
Total	3,942	4,083	100.0	100.0
Members(s) employed, total	3,385	3,509	85.9	85.9
Householder only	1,703	1,746	43.2	42.8
Householder and other member(s)	1,228	1,283	31.2	31.4
Other member(s), not householder	455	480	11.5	11.8
No member(s) employed	557	574	14.1	14.1

[1] No spouse present.

NOTE: Data for 1998 are not strictly comparable with data for 1997 and earlier years because of the introduction of new composite estimation procedures and revised population controls in the household survey in January 1998. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Table 3. Unemployment in families by presence and relationship of employed members and family type, 1997-98 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	1997	1998	1997	1998
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES				
With unemployed member(s), total	3,056	2,815	100.0	100.0
No member employed	530	471	17.3	16.7
Some member(s) employed	2,526	2,343	82.7	83.2
Husband unemployed	1,048	948	34.3	33.7
Wife employed	651	594	21.3	21.1
Wife unemployed	906	844	29.6	30.0
Husband employed	787	745	25.8	26.5
Other family member unemployed	1,102	1,023	36.1	36.3
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN[1]				
With unemployed member(s), total	1,456	1,301	100.0	100.0
No member employed	782	696	53.7	53.5
Some member(s) employed	674	605	46.3	46.5
Householder unemployed	694	612	47.7	47.0
Other member(s) employed	122	99	8.4	7.6
Other member(s) unemployed	572	512	39.3	39.4
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN[1]				
With unemployed member(s), total	400	388	100.0	100.0
No member employed	156	158	39.0	40.7
Some member(s) employed	244	229	61.0	59.0
Householder unemployed	197	186	49.2	47.9
Other member(s) employed	77	69	19.2	17.8
Other member(s) unemployed	204	202	51.0	52.1

[1] No spouse present.

NOTE: Data for 1998 are not strictly comparable with data for 1997 and earlier years because of the introduction of new composite estimation procedures and revised population controls in the household survey in January 1998. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Table 4. Families with own children: Employment status of parents by age of youngest child and family type, 1997-98 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	1997	1998	1997	1998
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS				
Total	34,129	34,232	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	30,761	31,100	90.1	90.9
No parent employed	3,369	3,130	9.9	9.1
Married-couple families	24,762	24,820	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	23,987	24,088	96.9	97.1
Mother employed	17,013	16,911	68.7	68.1
Both parents employed	15,964	15,906	64.5	64.1
Mother employed, not father	1,049	1,005	4.2	4.0
Father employed, not mother	6,974	7,178	28.2	28.9
Neither parent employed	775	731	3.1	2.9
Families maintained by women[1]	7,623	7,573	100.0	100.0
Mother employed	5,276	5,440	69.2	71.8
Mother not employed	2,347	2,133	30.8	28.2
Families maintained by men[1]	1,745	1,839	100.0	100.0
Father employed	1,498	1,572	85.8	85.5
Father not employed	247	266	14.2	14.5
WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER				
Total	18,989	19,209	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	17,274	17,551	91.0	91.4
No parent employed	1,714	1,658	9.0	8.6
Married-couple families	13,442	13,496	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	13,000	13,065	96.7	96.8
Mother employed	10,061	9,991	74.8	74.0
Both parents employed	9,379	9,338	69.8	69.2
Mother employed, not father	682	653	5.1	4.8
Father employed, not mother	2,939	3,074	21.9	22.8
Neither parent employed	442	431	3.3	3.2
Families maintained by women[1]	4,531	4,638	100.0	100.0
Mother employed	3,393	3,573	74.9	77.0
Mother not employed	1,138	1,065	25.1	23.0
Families maintained by men[1]	1,015	1,075	100.0	100.0
Father employed	881	913	86.8	84.9
Father not employed	134	162	13.2	15.1
WITH CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS				
Total	15,141	15,023	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	13,487	13,550	89.1	90.2
No parent employed	1,654	1,473	10.9	9.8
Married-couple families	11,320	11,324	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	10,988	11,023	97.1	97.3
Mother employed	6,952	6,920	61.4	61.1
Both parents employed	6,585	6,567	58.2	58.0
Mother employed, not father	368	352	3.3	3.1
Father employed, not mother	4,034	4,103	35.6	36.2
Neither parent employed	333	301	2.9	2.7
Families maintained by women[1]	3,092	2,936	100.0	100.0
Mother employed	1,882	1,867	60.9	63.6
Mother not employed	1,209	1,068	39.1	36.4
Families maintained by men[1]	729	763	100.0	100.0
Father employed	617	660	84.6	86.5
Father not employed	112	104	15.4	13.6

[1] No spouse present.

NOTE: Own children include sons, daughters, step-children and adopted children. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and other related and unrelated children. Data for 1998 are not strictly comparable with data for 1997 and earlier years because of the introduction of new composite estimation procedures and revised population controls in the household survey in January 1998. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Table 5. Employment status of the population by sex, marital status, and presence and age of own children under 18, 1997-98 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	1997			1998		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS						
Civilian noninstitutional population	62,787	27,349	35,438	62,912	27,489	35,423
Civilian labor force	51,343	25,877	25,466	51,462	26,018	25,443
Participation rate	81.8	94.6	71.9	81.8	94.6	71.8
Employed	49,178	25,111	24,067	49,480	25,333	24,147
Employment-population ratio	78.3	91.8	67.9	78.6	92.2	68.2
Full-time workers[1]	41,934	24,306	17,628	42,372	24,562	17,811
Part-time workers[2]	7,244	806	6,439	7,108	771	6,337
Unemployed	2,165	766	1,399	1,981	686	1,296
Unemployment rate	4.2	3.0	5.5	3.8	2.6	5.1
Married, spouse present						
Civilian noninstitutional population	50,995	25,292	25,704	51,061	25,325	25,737
Civilian labor force	42,192	24,027	18,165	42,088	24,080	18,009
Participation rate	82.7	95.0	70.7	82.4	95.1	70.0
Employed	40,918	23,383	17,535	40,914	23,506	17,408
Employment-population ratio	80.2	92.5	68.2	80.1	92.8	67.6
Full-time workers[1]	35,042	22,685	12,357	35,197	22,839	12,357
Part-time workers[2]	5,877	698	5,179	5,718	667	5,051
Unemployed	1,273	644	630	1,174	573	601
Unemployment rate	3.0	2.7	3.5	2.8	2.4	3.3
Other marital status[3]						
Civilian noninstitutional population	11,791	2,057	9,734	11,851	2,166	9,686
Civilian labor force	9,151	1,850	7,301	9,374	1,939	7,434
Participation rate	77.6	89.9	75.0	79.1	89.5	76.7
Employed	8,259	1,728	6,531	8,565	1,826	6,739
Employment-population ratio	70.0	84.0	67.1	72.3	84.3	69.6
Full-time workers[1]	6,893	1,621	5,272	7,177	1,724	5,453
Part-time workers[2]	1,367	107	1,261	1,391	104	1,286
Unemployed	891	123	770	807	113	695
Unemployment rate	9.7	6.6	10.5	8.6	5.8	9.3
WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER						
Civilian noninstitutional population	33,997	14,822	19,175	34,329	14,947	19,383
Civilian labor force	28,812	13,877	14,935	29,003	13,969	15,033
Participation rate	84.7	93.6	77.9	84.5	93.5	77.6
Employed	27,752	13,480	14,273	28,046	13,629	14,417
Employment-population ratio	81.6	90.9	74.4	81.7	91.2	74.4
Full-time workers[1]	23,885	13,071	10,814	24,286	13,238	11,048
Part-time workers[2]	3,868	409	3,459	3,760	391	3,369
Unemployed	1,060	397	662	957	340	617
Unemployment rate	3.7	2.9	4.4	3.3	2.4	4.1
WITH CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS						
Civilian noninstitutional population	28,789	12,526	16,263	28,583	12,543	16,040
Civilian labor force	22,530	12,000	10,531	22,459	12,049	10,410
Participation rate	78.3	95.8	64.8	78.6	96.1	64.9
Employed	21,426	11,632	9,794	21,434	11,703	9,731
Employment-population ratio	74.4	92.9	60.2	75.0	93.3	60.7
Full-time workers[1]	18,049	11,235	6,814	18,086	11,323	6,763
Part-time workers[2]	3,376	397	2,980	3,348	380	2,968
Unemployed	1,105	368	737	1,025	346	679
Unemployment rate	4.9	3.1	7.0	4.6	2.9	6.5
WITH NO CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS						
Civilian noninstitutional population	138,365	68,385	69,980	140,436	69,396	71,040
Civilian labor force	83,524	45,847	37,677	84,735	46,464	38,271
Participation rate	60.4	67.0	53.8	60.3	67.0	53.9
Employed	78,917	43,045	35,873	80,545	43,922	36,623
Employment-population ratio	57.0	62.9	51.3	57.4	63.3	51.6
Full-time workers[1]	62,902	36,452	26,449	64,429	37,226	27,203
Part-time workers[2]	16,016	6,592	9,424	16,116	6,696	9,420
Unemployed	4,606	2,802	1,804	4,190	2,542	1,648
Unemployment rate	5.5	6.1	4.8	4.9	5.5	4.3

[1] Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.
[2] Usually work less than 35 hours a week at all jobs.
[3] Includes never-married, divorced, separated and widowed persons.

NOTE: See NOTE, table 4.

Table 6. Employment status of mothers with own children under 3 years old by single year of age of youngest child, and marital status, 1997-98 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force							
		Total	Percent of population	Employed				Unemployed	
				Total	Percent of population	Full-time workers[1]	Part-time workers[2]	Number	Percent of labor force
1997									
TOTAL MOTHERS									
With children under 3 years old	9,347	5,738	61.4	5,306	56.8	3,560	1,746	432	7.5
2 years	2,871	1,890	65.8	1,763	61.4	1,208	555	127	6.7
1 year	3,306	2,012	60.9	1,851	56.0	1,205	646	161	8.0
Under 1 year	3,170	1,836	57.9	1,692	53.4	1,147	545	144	7.8
Married, spouse present									
With children under 3 years old	7,049	4,296	60.9	4,105	58.2	2,718	1,387	191	4.4
2 years	2,142	1,380	64.4	1,327	62.0	883	444	53	3.8
1 year	2,459	1,468	59.7	1,399	56.9	890	509	69	4.7
Under 1 year	2,448	1,448	59.2	1,379	56.3	945	434	69	4.8
Other marital status[3]									
With children under 3 years old	2,297	1,445	62.9	1,201	52.3	842	361	241	16.7
2 years	729	511	70.1	436	59.8	325	112	74	14.5
1 year	847	545	64.3	452	53.4	315	138	92	16.9
Under 1 year	721	389	54.0	313	43.4	202	111	75	19.3
1998									
TOTAL MOTHERS									
With children under 3 years old	9,333	5,779	61.9	5,384	57.7	3,626	1,758	395	6.8
2 years	2,772	1,786	64.4	1,673	60.4	1,149	524	113	6.3
1 year	3,213	2,055	64.0	1,917	59.7	1,281	636	138	6.7
Under 1 year	3,348	1,938	57.9	1,794	53.6	1,196	598	144	7.4
Married, spouse present									
With children under 3 years old	7,110	4,316	60.7	4,145	58.3	2,765	1,380	171	4.0
2 years	2,073	1,291	62.3	1,244	60.0	831	413	47	3.6
1 year	2,493	1,560	62.6	1,497	60.0	989	508	63	4.0
Under 1 year	2,544	1,465	57.6	1,404	55.2	945	459	61	4.2
Other marital status[3]									
With children under 3 years old	2,225	1,463	65.8	1,238	55.6	860	379	223	15.2
2 years	700	495	70.7	429	61.3	318	111	65	13.1
1 year	721	495	68.7	420	58.3	292	129	75	15.2
Under 1 year	804	473	58.8	389	48.4	250	139	83	17.5

[1] Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.
[2] Usually work less than 35 hours a week at all jobs.
[3] Includes never-married, divorced, separated and widowed persons.
NOTE: See NOTE, table 4.

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EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES IN 1997

The share of all U.S. families with at least one worker rose by 0.8 percentage point to 82.2 percent in 1997, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the year, the proportion of families with an unemployed person fell by 0.6 percentage point to 7.0 percent.

The data in this release are based on information collected in the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly sample survey of about 50,000 households that provides data on national employment and unemployment. For further information about this survey, see the Technical Note. Some of the highlights of the findings include:

- The number of dual-worker families—families in which both the husband and wife worked—grew by 352,000 between 1996 and 1997, while the number of "traditional" families—couples in which only the husband was employed—declined by 145,000.
- The labor force participation rate of mothers increased from 70.8 percent in 1996 to 71.9 percent in 1997, as the rate for unmarried mothers (single, widowed, divorced, or separated) increased by 3.2 percentage points to 75.0 percent.
- Among mothers with children under a year old, 57.9 percent were working or looking for work in 1997, compared with 54.3 percent the year before.

Families

Over the year, the proportion of families with employed persons increased by about 0.6 percentage point for white families and by nearly 2 percentage points for black and Hispanic families. Nevertheless, black families continued to be less likely to include an employed member (77.1 percent) than were either white (82.7 percent) or Hispanic families (84.1 percent). These data include families whose members are beyond working age. (See table 1.)

In an average week in 1997, about 4.9 million families—7.0 percent of all families—had at least one person who was unemployed. This proportion was down from 7.6 percent in 1996. The proportions of white and Hispanic families who had at least one person unemployed declined by 0.6 and 1.4 percentage points, respectively, while that of black families was about unchanged.

Overall, married-couple families and families maintained by men were more likely to include someone who was employed, about 83.8 and 85.9 percent, respectively, than were families maintained by women, 74.0 percent, in 1997. The proportion of families maintained by men that included a worker grew by 2.5

percentage points and that of families maintained by women that included a worker increased by 2.3 percentage points from 1996 to 1997. (See table 2.)

The number of married-couple families in which someone was unemployed fell by 320,000 to 3.1 million in 1997, while, among families maintained by men or women, the number with unemployment was about unchanged. (See table 3.)

Among married-couple families with children, the number in which both parents were employed increased by 165,000 for families whose youngest child was school age (6 to 17 years of age). The number was about unchanged for married-couple families with pre-school children (under 6 years of age). (See table 4.)

Mothers

The labor force participation rate of married mothers stayed a little below 71 percent. Among mothers of children under 6, the labor force participation rate increased by 1.6 percentage points to 64.8 percent. Married mothers with children under a year old were more likely to be in the labor force than their unmarried counterparts—59.2 and 54.0 percent, respectively. (See tables 5 and 6.)

The unemployment rate of mothers with children under 18 fell by 0.4 percentage point to 5.5 percent. This reflected a decline of 0.3 percentage point in the rate for mothers whose youngest child was school age and a decrease of 0.6 percentage point in the rate for mothers with pre-school children. (See table 5.)

Data shown in this release for 1997 incorporate revised population controls that were introduced into the household survey in January of that year. The revised controls primarily reflect improvements in the estimation of demographic characteristics for immigrants and emigrants and result in increases of about 37,000 in the number of families and of about 7,000 in the number of mothers with children under 18. Published estimates for 1996 have not been recalculated using the new population controls. Changes for the data levels shown in the text of this release reflect an allowance for the effect of the revised population controls and, therefore, may not agree with changes calculated directly from the attached tables.

Technical Note

The estimates in this release are based on annual average data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a national sample survey of about 50,000 households conducted monthly for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by the Bureau of the Census. The information relates to the labor force status of persons 16 years old and over in the civilian noninstitutional population during an "average" week of the year.

Information in this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: 202-606-STAT; TDD phone: 202-606-5897; TDD message referral phone number: 1-800-326-2577.

Reliability of the estimates

Statistics based on the CPS are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error. When a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed, there is a chance that the sample estimates may differ from the "true" population values they represent. The exact difference, or *sampling error*, varies depending on the particular sample selected, and this variability is measured by the standard error of the estimate. There is about a 90-percent chance, or level of confidence, that an estimate based on a sample will differ by no more than 1.6 standard errors from the "true" population value because of sampling error. BLS analyses are generally conducted at the 90-percent level of confidence.

The CPS data also are affected by nonsampling *error*. Nonsampling error can occur for many reasons, including the failure to sample a segment of the population, inability to obtain information for all respondents in the sample, inability or unwillingness of respondents to provide correct information, and errors made in the collection or processing of the data.

For a full discussion of the reliability of data from the CPS and information on estimating standard errors, see the "Explanatory Notes and Estimates of Error" section of the February 1994 and subsequent issues of *Employment and Earnings*.

Definitions

The principal definitions used in this release are described briefly below.

Family. A family is a group of two or more persons residing together who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption. The count of families is for "primary" families only, that is, the householder and all other persons related to and residing with the householder. Families are classified either as married-couple families or as families maintained by women or men without spouses.

Householder. The householder is the family reference person. This is the person (or one of the persons) in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented. The relationship of other individuals in the household is defined in terms of relationship to the householder.

Married, spouse present; other marital status. These terms denote the marital status of individuals at the time of interview. Married, spouse present, refers to husbands and wives living together in the same household, even though one may be temporarily absent on business, vacation, on a visit, in a hospital, etc. Other marital status includes persons who are never-married; married, spouse absent; widowed; or divorced. Married, spouse absent relates to persons who are separated due to marital problems, as well as husbands and wives who are living apart because one or the other was employed elsewhere, on duty with the Armed Forces, or any other reasons.

Children. Data on children refer to own children and include sons, daughters, adopted, and step-children of the husband, wife, or person maintaining the family. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, other related children, and all unrelated children living in the household.

Table 1. Employment and unemployment in families by race and Hispanic origin, 1996-97 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	1996	1997
TOTAL		
Total families	69,203	69,714
With employed member(s)	56,342	57,289
As percent of total families	81.4	82.2
Some usually work full time[1]	52,249	53,226
With no employed member	12,860	12,425
As percent of total families	18.6	17.8
With unemployed member(s)	5,270	4,913
As percent of total families	7.6	7.0
Some member(s) employed	3,678	3,445
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	69.8	70.1
Some usually work full time[1]	3,265	3,070
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	62.0	62.5
White		
Total families	58,315	58,514
With employed member(s)	47,882	48,378
As percent of total families	82.1	82.7
Some usually work full time[1]	44,522	45,069
With no employed member	10,434	10,135
As percent of total families	17.9	17.3
With unemployed member(s)	3,896	3,566
As percent of total families	6.7	6.1
Some member(s) employed	2,875	2,632
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	73.8	73.8
Some usually work full time[1]	2,557	2,353
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	65.6	66.0
Black		
Total families	8,149	8,308
With employed member(s)	6,137	6,409
As percent of total families	75.3	77.1
Some usually work full time[1]	5,563	5,810
With no employed member	2,012	1,899
As percent of total families	24.7	22.9
With unemployed member(s)	1,121	1,104
As percent of total families	13.8	13.3
Some member(s) employed	627	631
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	55.9	57.2
Some usually work full time[1]	553	553
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	49.3	50.1
Hispanic origin		
Total families	6,465	6,779
With employed member(s)	5,312	5,701
As percent of total families	82.2	84.1
Some usually work full time[1]	4,917	5,285
With no employed member	1,153	1,078
As percent of total families	17.8	15.9
With unemployed member(s)	841	789
As percent of total families	13.0	11.6
Some member(s) employed	563	532
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	66.9	67.4
Some usually work full time[1]	497	473
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	59.1	59.9

[1] Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups. Data for 1997 are not strictly comparable with data for 1996 and earlier years because of the introduction of revised population controls in the household survey in January 1997. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Table 2. Families by presence and relationship of employed members and family type, 1996-97 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	1996	1997	1996	1997
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES				
Total	53,214	53,248	100.0	100.0
Member(s) employed, total	44,448	44,641	83.5	83.8
Husband only	10,103	9,959	19.0	18.7
Wife only	2,846	2,839	5.3	5.3
Husband and wife	28,077	28,422	52.8	53.4
Other employment combinations	3,422	3,421	6.4	6.4
No member(s) employed	8,766	8,607	16.5	16.2
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN[1]				
Total	12,264	12,524	100.0	100.0
Members(s) employed, total	8,788	9,263	71.7	74.0
Householder only	4,964	5,282	40.5	42.2
Householder and other member(s)	2,385	2,484	19.4	19.8
Other member(s), not householder	1,438	1,497	11.7	12.0
No member(s) employed	3,477	3,261	28.4	26.0
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN[1]				
Total	3,724	3,942	100.0	100.0
Members(s) employed, total	3,106	3,385	83.4	85.9
Householder only	1,614	1,703	43.3	43.2
Householder and other member(s)	1,076	1,228	28.9	31.2
Other member(s), not householder	416	455	11.2	11.5
No member(s) employed	618	557	16.6	14.1

[1] No spouse present.

NOTE; Data for 1997 are not strictly comparable with data for 1996 and earlier years because of the introduction of revised population controls in the household survey in January 1997. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Table 3. Unemployment in families by presence and relationship of employed members and family type, 1996-97 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	1996	1997	1996	1997
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES				
With unemployed member(s), total	3,378	3,056	100.0	100.0
No member employed	601	530	17.8	17.3
Some member(s) employed	2,777	2,526	82.2	82.7
Husband unemployed	1,207	1,048	35.7	34.3
Wife employed	746	651	22.1	21.3
Wife unemployed	1,016	906	30.1	29.6
Husband employed	891	787	26.4	25.8
Other family member unemployed	1,155	1,102	34.2	36.1
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN[1]				
With unemployed member(s), total	1,485	1,456	100.0	100.0
No member employed	809	782	54.5	53.7
Some member(s) employed	676	674	45.5	46.3
Householder unemployed	670	694	45.1	47.7
Other member(s) employed	102	122	6.9	8.4
Other member(s) unemployed	569	572	38.3	39.3
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN[1]				
With unemployed member(s), total	407	400	100.0	100.0
No member employed	182	156	44.7	39.0
Some member(s) employed	224	244	55.0	61.0
Householder unemployed	200	197	49.1	49.2
Other member(s) employed	67	77	16.5	19.2
Other member(s) unemployed	206	204	50.6	51.0

[1] No spouse present.

NOTE; Data for 1997 are not strictly comparable with data for 1996 and earlier years because of the introduction of revised population controls in the household survey in January 1997. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Table 4. Families with own children; Employment status of parents by age of youngest child and family type, 1996-97 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number		Percent distribution	
	1996	1997	1996	1997
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS				
Total	33,980	34,129	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	30,296	30,761	89.2	90.1
No parent employed	3,683	3,369	10.8	9.9
Married-couple families	24,818	24,762	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	23,960	23,987	96.5	96.9
Mother employed	16,949	17,013	68.3	68.7
Both parents employed	15,851	15,964	63.9	64.5
Mother employed, not father	1,099	1,049	4.4	4.2
Father employed, not mother	7,010	6,974	28.2	28.2
Neither parent employed	858	775	3.5	3.1
Families maintained by women[1]	7,469	7,623	100.0	100.0
Mother employed	4,919	5,276	65.9	69.2
Mother not employed	2,550	2,347	34.1	30.8
Families maintained by men[1]	1,692	1,745	100.0	100.0
Father employed	1,417	1,498	83.7	85.8
Father not employed	275	247	16.3	14.2
WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER				
Total	18,694	18,989	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	16,892	17,274	90.4	91.0
No parent employed	1,802	1,714	9.6	9.0
Married-couple families	13,257	13,442	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	12,786	13,000	96.4	96.7
Mother employed	9,896	10,061	74.6	74.8
Both parents employed	9,210	9,379	69.5	69.8
Mother employed, not father	687	682	5.2	5.1
Father employed, not mother	2,890	2,939	21.8	21.9
Neither parent employed	470	442	3.5	3.3
Families maintained by women[1]	4,393	4,531	100.0	100.0
Mother employed	3,221	3,393	73.3	74.9
Mother not employed	1,172	1,138	26.7	25.1
Families maintained by men[1]	1,044	1,015	100.0	100.0
Father employed	885	881	84.8	86.8
Father not employed	160	134	15.3	13.2
WITH CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS				
Total	15,286	15,141	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	13,405	13,487	87.7	89.1
No parent employed	1,881	1,654	12.3	10.9
Married-couple families	11,562	11,320	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	11,174	10,988	96.6	97.1
Mother employed	7,053	6,952	61.0	61.4
Both parents employed	6,641	6,585	57.4	58.2
Mother employed, not father	412	368	3.6	3.3
Father employed, not mother	4,121	4,034	35.6	35.6
Neither parent employed	388	333	3.4	2.9
Families maintained by women[1]	3,076	3,092	100.0	100.0
Mother employed	1,699	1,882	55.2	60.9
Mother not employed	1,378	1,209	44.8	39.1
Families maintained by men[1]	648	729	100.0	100.0
Father employed	532	617	82.1	84.6
Father not employed	115	112	17.7	15.4

[1] No spouse present.

NOTE; Own children include sons, daughters, step-children and adopted children. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and other related and unrelated children. Data for 1997 are not strictly comparable with data for 1996 and earlier years because of the introduction of revised population controls in the household survey in January 1997. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Table 5. Employment status of the population by sex, marital status, and presence and age of own children under 18, 1996-97 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	1996			1997		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS						
Civilian noninstitutional population	62,733	27,319	35,415	62,787	27,349	35,438
Civilian labor force	50,866	25,803	25,063	51,343	25,877	25,466
Participation rate	81.1	94.5	70.8	81.8	94.6	71.9
Employed	48,521	24,933	23,588	49,178	25,111	24,067
Employment-population ratio	77.3	91.3	66.6	78.3	91.8	67.9
Full-time workers[1]	41,164	24,085	17,080	41,934	24,306	17,628
Part-time workers[2]	7,356	848	6,508	7,244	806	6,439
Unemployed	2,345	870	1,475	2,165	766	1,399
Unemployment rate	4.6	3.4	5.9	4.2	3.0	5.5
Married, spouse present						
Civilian noninstitutional population	51,128	25,349	25,779	50,995	25,292	25,704
Civilian labor force	42,185	24,043	18,141	42,192	24,027	18,165
Participation rate	82.5	94.8	70.4	82.7	95.0	70.7
Employed	40,743	23,305	17,438	40,918	23,383	17,535
Employment-population ratio	79.7	91.9	67.6	80.2	92.5	68.2
Full-time workers[1]	34,732	22,559	12,173	35,042	22,685	12,357
Part-time workers[2]	6,011	747	5,265	5,877	698	5,179
Unemployed	1,441	738	703	1,273	644	630
Unemployment rate	3.4	3.1	3.9	3.0	2.7	3.5
Other marital status[3]						
Civilian noninstitutional population	11,606	1,970	9,636	11,791	2,057	9,734
Civilian labor force	8,680	1,759	6,921	9,151	1,850	7,301
Participation rate	74.8	89.3	71.8	77.6	89.9	75.0
Employed	7,777	1,628	6,149	8,259	1,728	6,531
Employment-population ratio	67.0	82.6	63.8	70.0	84.0	67.1
Full-time workers[1]	6,432	1,526	4,907	6,893	1,621	5,272
Part-time workers[2]	1,344	101	1,244	1,367	107	1,261
Unemployed	903	132	772	891	123	770
Unemployment rate	10.4	7.5	11.2	9.7	6.6	10.5
WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER						
Civilian noninstitutional population	33,411	14,601	18,809	33,997	14,822	19,175
Civilian labor force	28,221	13,645	14,576	28,812	13,877	14,935
Participation rate	84.5	93.5	77.5	84.7	93.6	77.9
Employed	27,123	13,229	13,894	27,752	13,480	14,273
Employment-population ratio	81.2	90.6	73.9	81.6	90.9	74.4
Full-time workers[1]	23,267	12,810	10,456	23,885	13,071	10,814
Part-time workers[2]	3,857	418	3,438	3,868	409	3,459
Unemployed	1,097	416	681	1,060	397	662
Unemployment rate	3.9	3.0	4.7	3.7	2.9	4.4
WITH CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS						
Civilian noninstitutional population	29,323	12,718	16,605	28,789	12,526	16,263
Civilian labor force	22,645	12,158	10,487	22,530	12,000	10,531
Participation rate	77.2	95.6	63.2	78.3	95.8	64.8
Employed	21,398	11,704	9,694	21,426	11,632	9,794
Employment-population ratio	73.0	92.0	58.4	74.4	92.9	60.2
Full-time workers[1]	17,898	11,274	6,623	18,049	11,235	6,814
Part-time workers[2]	3,500	430	3,070	3,376	397	2,980
Unemployed	1,247	454	794	1,105	368	737
Unemployment rate	5.5	3.7	7.6	4.9	3.1	7.0
WITH NO CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS						
Civilian noninstitutional population	135,902	66,931	68,970	138,365	68,385	69,980
Civilian labor force	81,618	44,736	36,882	83,524	45,847	37,677
Participation rate	60.1	66.8	53.5	60.4	67.0	53.8
Employed	76,717	41,748	34,969	78,917	43,045	35,873
Employment-population ratio	56.5	62.4	50.7	57.0	62.9	51.3
Full-time workers[1]	60,920	35,200	25,719	62,902	36,452	26,449
Part-time workers[2]	15,797	6,548	9,250	16,016	6,592	9,424
Unemployed	4,901	2,988	1,913	4,606	2,802	1,804
Unemployment rate	6.0	6.7	5.2	5.5	6.1	4.8

[1] Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.
[2] Usually work less than 35 hours a week at all jobs.
[3] Includes never-married, divorced, separated and widowed persons.
NOTE: See NOTE, table 4.

Table 6. Employment status of mothers with own children under 3 years old by single year of age of youngest child, and marital status, 1996-97 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force							
		Total	Percent of population	Employed				Unemployed	
				Total	Percent of population	Full-time workers[1]	Part-time workers[2]	Number	Percent of labor force
1996									
TOTAL MOTHERS									
With children under 3 years old	9,610	5,710	59.4	5,252	54.7	3,543	1,708	458	8.0
2 years	2,899	1,836	63.3	1,694	58.4	1,168	526	142	7.7
1 year	3,333	2,040	61.2	1,885	56.6	1,268	617	155	7.6
Under 1 year	3,378	1,834	54.3	1,673	49.5	1,107	565	161	8.8
Married, spouse present									
With children under 3 years old	7,203	4,343	60.3	4,143	57.5	2,762	1,381	201	4.6
2 years	2,150	1,362	63.3	1,303	60.6	876	427	60	4.4
1 year	2,500	1,555	62.2	1,489	59.6	993	496	66	4.2
Under 1 year	2,553	1,426	55.9	1,351	52.9	893	458	75	5.3
Other marital status[3]									
With children under 3 years old	2,407	1,367	56.8	1,111	46.2	782	328	256	18.7
2 years	749	473	63.2	391	52.2	292	99	82	17.3
1 year	833	486	58.3	397	47.7	275	121	89	18.3
Under 1 year	825	408	49.5	323	39.2	215	108	85	20.8
1997									
TOTAL MOTHERS									
With children under 3 years old	9,347	5,738	61.4	5,306	56.8	3,560	1,746	432	7.5
2 years	2,871	1,890	65.8	1,763	61.4	1,208	555	127	6.7
1 year	3,306	2,012	60.9	1,851	56.0	1,205	646	161	8.0
Under 1 year	3,170	1,836	57.9	1,692	53.4	1,147	545	144	7.8
Married, spouse present									
With children under 3 years old	7,049	4,296	60.9	4,105	58.2	2,718	1,387	191	4.4
2 years	2,142	1,380	64.4	1,327	62.0	883	444	53	3.8
1 year	2,459	1,468	59.7	1,399	56.9	890	509	69	4.7
Under 1 year	2,448	1,448	59.2	1,379	56.3	945	434	69	4.8
Other marital status[3]									
With children under 3 years old	2,297	1,445	62.9	1,201	52.3	842	361	241	16.7
2 years	729	511	70.1	436	59.8	325	112	74	14.5
1 year	847	545	64.3	452	53.4	315	138	92	16.9
Under 1 year	721	389	54.0	313	43.4	202	111	75	19.3

[1] Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.
[2] Usually work less than 35 hours a week at all jobs.
[3] Includes never-married, divorced, separated and widowed persons.
NOTE: See NOTE, table 4.

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EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES: 1996

The number of families with at least one employed person rose by 709,000 in 1996, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Such families comprised 81.4 percent of the nation's 69.2 million families.

This finding is from a new annual series on the employment characteristics of families and family members based on annual average data from the Current Population Survey (CPS). (See Explanatory Note.) Highlights of the data follow:

--In 1996, black families continued to be less likely to include an employed member (75.3 percent) than were either white or Hispanic families (about 82.0 percent). (See table 1.) It should be noted that these data include families that may have members who are beyond working age.

--About 5.3 million families—7.6 percent of all families—had at least one person who was unemployed in 1996. This proportion was down from 7.9 percent in 1995. Seventy percent of all families that included an unemployed person also contained at least one employed family member. White families were considerably less likely to have an unemployed person (6.7 percent) than were black (13.8 percent) or Hispanic (13.0 percent) families. (See table 1.)

--In 28.1 million families, both the husband and wife worked. These employed couples comprised a little over half of all married couples in 1996. In contrast, there were 10.1 million "traditional" couples in which only the husband was employed. The number of dual-worker families was 460,000 higher in 1996 than in the prior year, while the number of "traditional" families was about unchanged. (See table 2.)

--Nearly 84.0 percent of married-couple families, and of families maintained by men, included an employed person compared with 71.7 percent of families maintained by women. This gap narrowed slightly in 1996, as the proportion of families maintained by women that included a worker rose by 1.4 percentage points, while the proportions were unchanged among married-couple families and families maintained by men. (See table 2.)

--The number of married-couple families that included an unemployed person fell by 209,000 to 3.4 million in 1996, while the number of families with an unemployed member that were maintained by men or women was about unchanged. About 8 out of 10 married-couple families with unemployment also contained at least one employed family member. In contrast, roughly half of families with unemployment that were maintained by men or women also included an employed person. (See table 3.)

--Both parents were employed in 63.9 percent of married-couple families with children under 18 years old in 1996. In just 28.2 percent of all two-parent families, the father, but not the mother, was employed. The proportion in which the father, but not the mother, was employed was much higher among families with pre-school children (under 6 years of age) than it was in families whose youngest child was 6 to 17 years old. (See table 4.)

--About 9 out of 10 fathers and 7 out of 10 mothers were labor force participants in 1996. At 70.8 percent, the labor force participation rate of mothers was about a percentage point higher than it had been in 1995, while the rate for fathers (94.4 percent) was about unchanged. Among the mothers, the participation rate for those who were unmarried (single, widowed, divorced, or separated) increased by a little more than 2.0 percentage points (to 71.8 percent), but the rate for married mothers (70.4 percent) remained about the same. (See table 5.)

--The unemployment rate of married mothers was 3.9 percent in 1996, down from 4.4 percent in 1995. In contrast, the rate for unmarried mothers (11.1 percent) was unchanged. The unemployment rate for mothers with pre-school children (7.6 percent) continued to be higher than the rate for mothers whose youngest child was of school age (4.7 percent). (See table 5.)

--Overall, 54.3 percent of mothers of children under 1 year old were in the labor force in 1996, about the same as the year before. This compares with 63.3 percent of mothers with children 2 years of age. Unmarried mothers with children under 1 year of age were considerably less likely to be in the labor force (49.4 percent) than were married mothers with children the same age (55.9 percent). (See table 6.)

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Explanatory Note

The estimates in this release are based on annual average data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a national sample survey of about 50,000 households conducted monthly for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by the Bureau of the Census. The information relates to the labor force status of persons 16 years old and over in the civilian noninstitutional population during an "average" week of the year.

This is the first in a series of annual news releases on the employment characteristics of families and family members. The purpose of this series is to provide policymakers, analysts, and the public with annual average data on labor market developments among families. Previously, such data were based, for the most part, on data derived from the Supplement to the March CPS. (These data are sometimes referred to as the Annual Demographic File.) The annual average data provide a larger sample size (and hence, a smaller sampling error) than do those from the March CPS alone. It should be noted, however, that the data shown in this release are not strictly comparable with family data derived from the March CPS due to differences in the estimation procedures relating to families.

Definitions

The principal definitions used in this release are described briefly below.

Family. A family is a group of two or more persons residing together who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption. The count of families is for "primary" families only, that is, the householder and all other persons related to and residing with the householder. Families are classified either as married-couple families or as families maintained by women or men without spouses.

Householder. The householder is the family reference person. This is the person (or one of the persons) in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented. The relationship of other individuals in the household is defined in terms of relationship to the householder.

Married, spouse present; other marital status. These terms denote the marital status of individuals at the time of interview. Married, spouse present, refers to husbands and wives living together in the same household, even though one may be temporarily absent on business, vacation, on a visit, in a hospital, etc. Other marital status includes persons who are never-married; married, spouse absent; widowed; or divorced. Married, spouse absent relates to persons who are separated due to marital problems, as well as husbands and wives who are living apart because one or the other was employed elsewhere, on duty with the Armed Forces, or any other reasons.

Children. Data on children refer to own children and include sons, daughters, adopted, and step-children of the husband, wife, or person maintaining the family. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, other related children, and all unrelated children living in the household.

Employed. Employed persons are those who, during the survey week: (a) did any work at all as paid employees; (b) worked in their own business or profession, or on their own farm; or (c) worked 15 hours or more as an unpaid worker in a family-operated enterprise. Also included are those who were temporarily absent from their jobs because of illness, vacation, bad weather, labor-management disputes, or personal reasons.

Unemployed. Unemployed persons are those who had no employment during the survey week, were available for work at that time, and made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the prior 4 weeks. Persons who were waiting to be recalled to a job from which they had been laid off are classified as unemployed whether or not they are looking for work.

Labor force. This group comprises all persons classified as employed or unemployed in accordance with the criteria described above.

Participation rate. This represents the proportion of the population that is in the labor force.

Employment-population ratio. This represents the proportion of the population that is employed.

Unemployment rate. This represents the proportion of the labor force that is unemployed.

Race. White, black, and "other" are terms used to describe the race of persons. Included in the "other" group are American Indians, Alaskan Natives, and Asians and Pacific Islanders. Because of the relatively small sample size, data for "other" races are not published. In the survey process, the respondent identifies the race.

Hispanic origin. This refers to persons who identify themselves as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or of other Hispanic origin or descent. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race; thus, they are included in both the white and black population groups.

Reliability

In any sample survey, variations in the data can occur by chance because a sample, rather than the whole of the population, is surveyed. The standard error is a measure of such potential variation. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the survey differs from a figure that would be obtained from a complete census by less than one standard error. The chances are about 90 out of 100 that such a difference would be less than 1.6 standard errors. All statements of comparisons in this release are significant at 1.6 or more standard errors.

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Table 1. Employment and unemployment in families by race and Hispanic origin, 1995-96 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	1995	1996	Change
TOTAL			
Total families	68,552	69,203	651
With employed member(s)	55,633	56,342	709
As percent of total families	81.2	81.4	.2
Some usually work full time[1]	51,473	52,249	776
With no employed member	12,919	12,860	-59
As percent of total families	18.8	18.6	-.2
With unemployed member(s)	5,404	5,270	-134
As percent of total families	7.9	7.6	-.3
Some member(s) employed	3,795	3,678	-117
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	70.2	69.8	-.4
Some usually work full time[1]	3,334	3,265	-69
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	61.7	62.0	.3
White			
Total families	57,650	58,315	665
With employed member(s)	47,216	47,882	666
As percent of total families	81.9	82.1	.2
Some usually work full time[1]	43,804	44,522	718
With no employed member	10,433	10,434	1
As percent of total families	18.1	17.9	-.2
With unemployed member(s)	4,002	3,896	-106
As percent of total families	6.9	6.7	-.2
Some member(s) employed	2,934	2,875	-59
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	73.3	73.8	.5
Some usually work full time[1]	2,579	2,557	-22
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	64.4	65.6	1.2
Black			
Total families	8,015	8,149	134
With employed member(s)	5,991	6,137	146
As percent of total families	74.7	75.3	.6
Some usually work full time[1]	5,419	5,563	144
With no employed member	2,024	2,012	-12
As percent of total families	25.3	24.7	-.6
With unemployed member(s)	1,080	1,121	41
As percent of total families	13.5	13.8	.3
Some member(s) employed	631	627	-4
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	58.4	55.9	-2.5
Some usually work full time[1]	556	553	-3
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	51.5	49.3	-2.2
Hispanic origin			
Total families	6,233	6,465	232
With employed member(s)	5,086	5,312	226
As percent of total families	81.6	82.2	.6
Some usually work full time[1]	4,673	4,917	244
With no employed member	1,147	1,153	6
As percent of total families	18.4	17.8	-.6
With unemployed member(s)	841	841	0
As percent of total families	13.5	13.0	-.5
Some member(s) employed	568	563	-5
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	67.5	66.9	-.6
Some usually work full time[1]	490	497	7
As percent of families with unemployed member(s)	58.3	59.1	.8

[1] Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 2. Families by presence and relationship of employed members and family type, 1995-96 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number			Percent distribution	
	1995	1996	Change	1995	1996
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES					
Total	52,929	53,214	285	100.0	100.0
Member(s) employed, total	44,194	44,448	254	83.5	83.5
Husband only	10,113	10,103	-10	19.1	19.0
Wife only	2,956	2,846	-110	5.6	5.3
Husband and wife	27,617	28,077	460	52.2	52.8
Other employment combinations	3,509	3,422	-87	6.6	6.4
No member(s) employed	8,734	8,766	32	16.5	16.5
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN[1]					
Total	12,165	12,264	99	100.0	100.0
Member(s) employed, total	8,546	8,788	242	70.3	71.7
Householder only	4,757	4,964	207	39.1	40.5
Householder and other member(s)	2,401	2,385	-16	19.7	19.4
Other member(s), not householder	1,388	1,438	50	11.4	11.7
No member(s) employed	3,620	3,477	-143	29.8	28.4
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN[1]					
Total	3,458	3,724	266	100.0	100.0
Member(s) employed, total	2,893	3,106	213	83.7	83.4
Householder only	1,459	1,614	155	42.2	43.3
Householder and other member(s)	1,035	1,076	41	29.9	28.9
Other member(s), not householder	399	416	17	11.5	11.2
No member(s) employed	566	618	52	16.4	16.6

[1] No spouse present.

Table 3. Unemployment in families by presence and relationship of employed members and family type, 1995-96 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number			Percent distribution	
	1995	1996	Change	1995	1996
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES					
With unemployed member(s), total	3,587	3,378	-209	100.0	100.0
No member employed	670	601	-69	18.7	17.8
Some member(s) employed	2,917	2,777	-140	81.3	82.2
Husband unemployed	1,292	1,207	-85	36.0	35.7
Wife employed	756	746	-10	21.1	22.1
Wife unemployed	1,110	1,016	-94	30.9	30.1
Husband employed	977	891	-86	27.2	26.4
Other family member unemployed	1,186	1,155	-31	33.1	34.2
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY WOMEN[1]					
With unemployed member(s), total	1,437	1,485	48	100.0	100.0
No member employed	772	809	37	53.7	54.5
Some member(s) employed	666	676	10	46.3	45.5
Householder unemployed	633	670	37	44.1	45.1
Other member(s) employed	103	102	-1	7.2	6.9
Other member(s) unemployed	531	569	38	37.0	38.3
FAMILIES MAINTAINED BY MEN[1]					
With unemployed member(s), total	380	407	27	100.0	100.0
No member employed	168	182	14	44.2	44.7
Some member(s) employed	212	224	12	55.8	55.0
Householder unemployed	181	200	19	47.6	49.1
Other member(s) employed	57	67	10	15.0	16.5
Other member(s) unemployed	198	206	8	52.1	50.6

[1] No spouse present.

Table 4. Families with own children: Employment status of parents by age of youngest child and family type, 1995-96 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number			Percent distribution	
	1995	1996	Change	1995	1996
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS					
Total	33,544	33,980	436	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	29,659	30,296	637	88.4	89.2
No parent employed	3,886	3,683	-203	11.6	10.8
Married-couple families	24,604	24,818	214	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	23,643	23,960	317	96.1	96.5
Mother employed	16,629	16,950	321	67.6	68.3
Both parents employed	15,491	15,851	360	63.0	63.9
Mother employed, not father	1,137	1,098	-39	4.6	4.4
Father employed, not mother	7,014	7,010	-4	28.5	28.2
Neither parent employed	962	859	-103	3.9	3.5
Families maintained by women[1]	7,433	7,469	36	100.0	100.0
Mother employed	4,755	4,919	164	64.0	65.9
Mother not employed	2,678	2,550	-128	36.0	34.1
Families maintained by men[1]	1,507	1,692	185	100.0	100.0
Father employed	1,261	1,417	156	83.7	83.7
Father not employed	245	275	30	16.3	16.3
WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER					
Total	18,270	18,694	424	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	16,391	16,892	501	89.7	90.4
No parent employed	1,878	1,802	-76	10.3	9.6
Married-couple families	13,001	13,257	256	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	12,484	12,786	302	96.0	96.4
Mother employed	9,562	9,896	334	73.6	74.7
Both parents employed	8,846	9,210	364	68.0	69.5
Mother employed, not father	717	687	-30	5.5	5.2
Father employed, not mother	2,921	2,890	-31	22.5	21.8
Neither parent employed	517	470	-47	4.0	3.6
Families maintained by women[1]	4,360	4,393	33	100.0	100.0
Mother employed	3,142	3,221	79	72.1	73.3
Mother not employed	1,219	1,172	-47	27.9	26.7
Families maintained by men[1]	908	1,044	136	100.0	100.0
Father employed	766	885	119	84.3	84.7
Father not employed	143	160	17	15.7	15.3
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS					
Total	15,275	15,286	11	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	13,267	13,405	138	86.9	87.7
No parent employed	2,007	1,881	-126	13.1	12.3
Married-couple families	11,604	11,562	-42	100.0	100.0
Parent(s) employed	11,159	11,174	15	96.2	96.6
Mother employed	7,066	7,053	-13	60.9	61.0
Both parents employed	6,646	6,641	-5	57.3	57.4
Mother employed, not father	421	412	-9	3.6	3.6
Father employed, not mother	4,092	4,121	29	35.3	35.6
Neither parent employed	445	388	-57	3.8	3.4
Families maintained by women[1]	3,073	3,076	3	100.0	100.0
Mother employed	1,613	1,699	86	52.5	55.2
Mother not employed	1,460	1,378	-82	47.5	44.8
Families maintained by men[1]	598	648	50	100.0	100.0
Father employed	496	532	36	82.8	82.2
Father not employed	102	115	13	17.1	17.8

[1] No spouse present.

NOTE: Own children include sons, daughters, step-children and adopted children. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and other related and unrelated children.

Table 5. Employment status of the population by sex, marital status, and presence and age of own children under 18, 1995-96 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	1995			1996			Change 1995-96		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS									
Civilian noninstitutional population	62,037	26,882	35,155	62,733	27,319	35,414	696	437	259
Civilian labor force	49,841	25,306	24,535	50,866	25,803	25,063	1,025	497	528
Participation rate	80.3	94.1	69.8	81.1	94.4	70.8	.8	.3	1.0
Employed	47,390	24,372	23,018	48,521	24,933	23,588	1,131	561	570
Employment-population ratio	76.4	90.7	65.5	77.3	91.3	66.6	.9	.6	1.1
Full-time workers[1]	40,100	23,535	16,566	41,164	24,085	17,080	1,064	550	514
Part-time workers[2]	7,290	838	6,452	7,356	848	6,508	66	10	56
Unemployed	2,451	934	1,517	2,345	870	1,475	-106	-64	-42
Unemployment rate	4.9	3.7	6.2	4.6	3.4	5.9	-.3	-.3	-.3
Married, spouse present									
Civilian noninstitutional population	50,685	25,097	25,589	51,128	25,349	25,779	443	252	190
Civilian labor force	41,624	23,724	17,900	42,185	24,043	18,141	561	319	241
Participation rate	82.1	94.5	70.0	82.5	94.8	70.4	.4	.3	.4
Employed	40,026	22,913	17,112	40,743	23,305	17,438	717	392	326
Employment-population ratio	79.0	91.3	66.9	79.7	91.9	67.6	.7	.6	.7
Full-time workers[1]	33,988	22,163	11,825	34,732	22,559	12,173	744	396	348
Part-time workers[2]	6,037	750	5,287	6,011	747	5,265	-26	-3	-22
Unemployed	1,598	810	788	1,441	738	703	-157	-72	-85
Unemployment rate	3.8	3.4	4.4	3.4	3.1	3.9	-.4	-.3	-.5
Other marital status[3]									
Civilian noninstitutional population	11,352	1,785	9,566	11,605	1,970	9,636	253	185	70
Civilian labor force	8,217	1,582	6,635	8,681	1,759	6,922	464	177	287
Participation rate	72.4	88.6	69.4	74.8	89.3	71.8	2.4	.7	2.4
Employed	7,364	1,459	5,905	7,778	1,628	6,150	414	169	245
Employment-population ratio	64.9	81.7	61.7	67.0	82.6	63.8	2.1	.9	2.1
Full-time workers[1]	6,112	1,372	4,740	6,432	1,526	4,906	320	154	166
Part-time workers[2]	1,253	87	1,165	1,345	102	1,244	92	15	79
Unemployed	853	124	730	904	132	772	51	8	42
Unemployment rate	10.4	7.8	11.0	10.4	7.5	11.1	.0	-.3	.1
WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS, NONE YOUNGER									
Civilian noninstitutional population	32,678	14,207	18,471	33,410	14,601	18,809	732	394	338
Civilian labor force	27,350	13,207	14,143	28,221	13,645	14,576	871	438	433
Participation rate	83.7	93.0	76.6	84.5	93.4	77.5	.8	.4	.9
Employed	26,182	12,756	13,426	27,123	13,229	13,894	941	473	468
Employment-population ratio	80.1	89.8	72.7	81.2	90.6	73.9	1.1	.8	1.2
Full-time workers[1]	22,434	12,358	10,076	23,267	12,810	10,456	833	452	380
Part-time workers[2]	3,748	398	3,350	3,856	418	3,438	108	20	88
Unemployed	1,168	451	716	1,097	416	681	-71	-35	-35
Unemployment rate	4.3	3.4	5.1	3.9	3.0	4.7	-.4	-.4	-.4
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS									
Civilian noninstitutional population	29,359	12,675	16,684	29,323	12,718	16,605	-36	43	-79
Civilian labor force	22,492	12,099	10,392	22,645	12,158	10,487	153	59	95
Participation rate	76.6	95.5	62.3	77.2	95.6	63.2	.6	.1	.9
Employed	21,208	11,617	9,591	21,398	11,704	9,694	190	87	103
Employment-population ratio	72.2	91.6	57.5	73.0	92.0	58.4	.8	.4	.9
Full-time workers[1]	17,666	11,177	6,489	17,898	11,274	6,623	232	97	134
Part-time workers[2]	3,542	440	3,102	3,500	430	3,070	-42	-10	-32
Unemployed	1,284	482	801	1,247	454	794	-37	-28	-7
Unemployment rate	5.7	4.0	7.7	5.5	3.7	7.6	-.2	-.3	-.1
WITH NO OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS									
Civilian noninstitutional population	134,534	66,283	68,251	135,902	66,931	68,970	1,368	648	719
Civilian labor force	80,950	44,426	36,524	81,618	44,736	36,882	668	310	358
Participation rate	60.2	67.0	53.5	60.1	66.8	53.5	-.1	-.2	.0
Employed	75,984	41,405	34,578	76,717	41,748	34,969	733	343	391
Employment-population ratio	56.5	62.5	50.7	56.5	62.4	50.7	.0	-.1	.0
Full-time workers[1]	60,053	34,839	25,214	60,920	35,200	25,719	867	361	505
Part-time workers[2]	15,930	6,566	9,364	15,797	6,548	9,250	-133	-18	-114
Unemployed	4,967	3,021	1,946	4,901	2,988	1,913	-66	-33	-33
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.8	5.3	6.0	6.7	5.2	-.1	-.1	-.1

[1] Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.
[2] Usually work less than 35 hours a week at all jobs.
[3] Includes never-married, divorced, separated, and widowed persons.

NOTE: Own children include sons, daughters, step-children and adopted children. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and other related and unrelated children.

Table 6. Employment status of mothers with own children under 3 years old by single year of age of youngest child, marital status, race, and Hispanic origin, 1995-96 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Civilian non-institutional population	Civilian labor force							
		Total	Percent of population	Employed				Unemployed	
				Total	Percent of population	Full-time workers[1]	Part-time workers[2]	Number	Percent of labor force
1995									
TOTAL MOTHERS									
With children under 3 years old	9,628	5,666	58.9	5,193	53.9	3,451	1,742	473	8.4
2 years	2,887	1,855	64.3	1,712	59.3	1,148	564	143	7.7
1 year	3,364	1,953	58.0	1,793	53.3	1,182	611	160	8.2
Under 1 year	3,377	1,859	55.0	1,688	50.0	1,122	567	170	9.2
Married, spouse present									
With children under 3 years old	7,187	4,342	60.4	4,109	57.2	2,688	1,421	233	5.4
2 years	2,142	1,397	65.2	1,326	61.9	854	472	72	5.1
1 year	2,504	1,495	59.7	1,421	56.7	930	491	75	5.0
Under 1 year	2,540	1,449	57.0	1,363	53.6	904	458	86	6.0
Other marital status[3]									
With children under 3 years old	2,441	1,325	54.3	1,084	44.4	763	320	240	18.2
2 years	745	458	61.5	386	51.9	294	92	71	15.6
1 year	860	457	53.2	372	43.3	252	120	85	18.6
Under 1 year	836	410	49.0	326	38.9	217	108	84	20.5
1996									
TOTAL MOTHERS									
With children under 3 years old	9,610	5,710	59.4	5,252	54.6	3,543	1,708	458	8.0
2 years	2,899	1,836	63.3	1,694	58.4	1,168	526	142	7.7
1 year	3,333	2,040	61.2	1,885	56.6	1,268	617	155	7.6
Under 1 year	3,378	1,834	54.3	1,673	49.5	1,107	565	161	8.8
Married, spouse present									
With children under 3 years old	7,203	4,343	60.3	4,142	57.5	2,762	1,380	201	4.6
2 years	2,150	1,362	63.4	1,303	60.6	876	426	60	4.4
1 year	2,500	1,555	62.2	1,489	59.6	994	496	66	4.2
Under 1 year	2,552	1,426	55.9	1,351	52.9	892	458	75	5.3
Other marital status[3]									
With children under 3 years old	2,407	1,367	56.8	1,109	46.1	781	328	257	18.8
2 years	749	474	63.2	391	52.2	292	99	82	17.3
1 year	833	485	58.3	396	47.6	275	121	89	18.4
Under 1 year	825	408	49.4	322	39.0	214	107	86	21.1

[1] Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.
[2] Usually work less than 35 hours a week at all jobs.
[3] Includes never-married, divorced, separated and widowed persons.

NOTE: Own children include sons, daughters, step-children and adopted children. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and other related and unrelated children.

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EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES: FOURTH QUARTER 1993

The number of families with at least one employed family member grew over the year ended with the fourth quarter of 1993, while the number with an unemployed member declined, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. At 54.3 million in the fourth quarter, the number of families with an employed member was 543,000 greater than a year earlier. The number with some unemployment fell by 606,000 over the same period to 5.6 million. Unemployment was lower than the year-earlier level in each quarter of 1993.

At $715 a week, median earnings of families with wage and salary workers rose 3.6 percent over the year. This was higher than the 2.7 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). Other fourth-quarter 1993 highlights were:

—All of the over-the-year rise in the number of families with at least one employed member was among families in which a member was employed full time. At 50.4 million, such families comprised about three-fourths of all U.S. families. Black families were less likely to have a family member employed either full or part time than white or Hispanic families. (See tables A and 1.)

—There was a substantial rise in the number of married-couple families in which both the husband and wife were employed. At 26.7 million, the number of these dual-worker families was 654,000 higher than a year earlier. The number of families where the husband was the only worker (10.4 million) continued to decline. (See table 2.)

Revisions in Household Survey Data

Beginning with data for January 1994, a number of changes will be introduced into the Current Population Survey that affect all data comparisons. These changes include: 1) The results of a major redesign of the survey questionnaire and collection methodology, and 2) the introduction of population controls based on the 1990 census, adjusted for the estimated population undercount. Thus, data for 1994 will not be directly comparable with those for 1993 and prior years. An explanation of the changes and their effect on labor force data will appear in the February 1994 issue of *Employment and Earnings*.

—About 8.3 percent of families had an unemployed member in the fourth quarter of 1993, down from 9.3 percent a year earlier. Nearly 70 percent of such families also contained at least one employed member. Married-couple families with unemployment were much more likely than those maintained by women to have someone working—81 versus 41 percent. (See tables A and 3.)

—Among the 32.7 million families with children under 18, 2.3 million had at least one unemployed parent, 254,000 fewer than a year earlier. (See table 4.)

—Median weekly earnings of married-couple families with wage and salary workers rose 3.8 percent over the year, reaching $813 in the fourth quarter of 1993. Nearly two-thirds of these families had two or more earners, and the median earnings of these families were $982 a week. Median earnings of families maintained by women ($392) were about unchanged over the year and remained about half those of married-couple families. Median earnings of white families ($749) continued to exceed those for Hispanic ($506) and black ($499) families. (See table 6.)

Annual averages for 1993

In addition to the data for the fourth quarter of 1993, this release presents three tables with 1992 and 1993 annual averages on family employment patterns and weekly earnings. (See tables 8 through 10.)

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Table A. Summary labor force characteristics of families, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	IV 1992	IV 1993	Change
Total families	66,985	67,517	532
With employed member(s)	53,728	54,271	543
Percent of total families	80.2	80.4	.2
With member(s) employed full time	49,846	50,390	544
Percent of total families	74.4	74.6	.2
With unemployed member(s)	6,215	5,609	-606
Percent with employed member(s)	69.2	68.5	-.7
Percent of total families	9.3	8.3	-1.0
With unemployed member(s), none employed	1,912	1,767	-145
Percent of total families	2.9	2.6	-.3
With no members in labor force	11,345	11,479	134
Percent with all members 60 years and over	60.2	60.6	.4
Percent of total families	16.9	17.0	.1
With children under 18 years old	32,411	32,681	270
Percent with employed parent(s)	87.5	88.0	.5
Percent with employed mother	61.7	62.4	.7
Percent of total families	48.4	48.4	.0
With children under 6 years old	14,862	15,082	220
Percent with employed parent(s)	85.7	85.8	.1
Percent with employed mother	53.6	54.4	.8
Percent of total families	22.2	22.3	.1

Explanatory Note

The estimates in this release were obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), which provides basic information on the labor force, employment, and unemployment. The survey is conducted monthly for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by the Bureau of the Census from a scientifically selected national sample of about 60,000 households, with coverage in all 50 States and the District of Columbia. The earnings data are collected from one-quarter of the CPS monthly sample and are limited to wages and salaries. The data, therefore, exclude self-employment income.

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Reliability

In any sample survey, variations in the data can occur by chance because a sample, rather than the whole of the population, is surveyed. The standard error is a measure of such potential variation. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the survey differs from a figure that would be obtained from a complete census by less than one standard error. The chances are about 90 out of 100 that such a difference would be less than 1.6 standard errors. All statements of comparisons in the text of this release are significant at 1.6 or more standard errors.

Standard errors for numbers and proportions of families can be approximated using tables found in the Household Data section of the Explanatory Notes in *Employment and Earnings*. Representative standard errors for median family earnings are available from BLS upon request.

Definitions

The principal definitions used in this release are described briefly below.

Family. A family is a group of two or more persons residing together who are related by blood, marriage, or adoption. The count of families is for "primary" families only, that is, the householder and all other persons related to and residing with the householder. Not included are unrelated subfamilies. Families are classified either as married-couple families or families maintained by women or men without spouses.

Householder. A householder is the person in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented.

Employed. Employed persons are those who during the survey week: (a) Did any work at all as paid employees; (b) worked in their own business or profession or on their own farms; or (c) worked 15 hours or more as an unpaid worker in a family- operated enterprise. Also included are those who were temporarily absent from their jobs because of illness, vacation, bad weather, labor-management disputes, or personal reasons.

Unemployed. The unemployed are persons who had no employment during the survey week, were available for work at that time, and made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the prior 4 weeks. Persons laid off from their former jobs and awaiting recall and those expecting to report to a job within 30 days need not be looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

Wage and salary workers. Workers who receive wages, salaries, commissions, tips, payment in kind, or piece rates. Persons who report themselves as self-employed, including those whose businesses are incorporated, are excluded from coverage in these earnings data.

Usual weekly earnings. Data on usual weekly earnings are provided from responses to the question, "How much does...USUALLY earn per week at this job before deductions? Include any overtime pay, commissions, or tips usually received." The response is for the worker's sole or principal job, and the term "usual" is as perceived by the respondent. If the respondent asks for a definition of "usual," interviewers are instructed to define the term as more than half the weeks worked during the past 4 or 5 months.

Median weekly earnings. The median of weekly earnings is the value at which 50 percent of the earnings distribution lies above and 50 percent lies below. The estimating procedure places each reported earnings value into intervals which are centered around multiples of $50. The actual value is calculated through linear interpolation of the interval in which the median lies.

Over-the-year changes in the medians for component groups may not necessarily be consistent with the changes estimated for the overall median and therefore are not presented in this release. Circumstances under which this can occur include: (1) Even though medians of component groups may rise, if the lower-earnings group accounts for a sufficiently increased share of the total, the overall median can rise less than for any of the groups; and (2) survey observations tend to be clustered at rounded values, such as $250, $300, and $400, and an estimated median lying in a $50-wide centered interval containing such a cluster changes more slowly than one in non-clustered intervals. For example, if the medians for component groups are not in a cluster but the overall group median is, then the increase in the overall median will be less than for the components.

Table 1. Families by employment status of members, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	IV 1992	IV 1993	IV 1992	IV 1993
TOTAL				
Total families	66,985	67,517	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	11,345	11,479	16.9	17.0
With at least one member in the labor force	55,640	56,038	83.1	83.0
No member employed	1,912	1,767	2.9	2.6
Some member employed	53,728	54,271	80.2	80.4
No one unemployed	49,425	50,429	73.8	74.7
One or more employed full time	46,067	46,961	68.8	69.6
Some member unemployed	4,303	3,842	6.4	5.7
One or more employed full time	3,779	3,429	5.6	5.1
White				
Total families	57,039	57,391	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	9,530	9,571	16.7	16.7
With at least one member in the labor force	47,509	47,820	83.3	83.3
No member employed	1,298	1,171	2.3	2.0
Some member employed	46,212	46,649	81.0	81.3
No one unemployed	42,873	43,574	75.2	75.9
One or more employed full time	40,085	40,668	70.3	70.9
Some member unemployed	3,339	3,075	5.9	5.4
One or more employed full time	2,948	2,742	5.2	4.8
Black				
Total families	7,658	7,701	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	1,549	1,612	20.2	20.9
With at least one member in the labor force	6,109	6,089	79.8	79.1
No member employed	552	508	7.2	6.6
Some member employed	5,557	5,581	72.6	72.5
No one unemployed	4,816	4,992	62.9	64.8
One or more employed full time	4,377	4,546	57.2	59.0
Some member unemployed	741	590	9.7	7.7
One or more employed full time	625	526	8.2	6.8
Hispanic origin				
Total families	5,239	5,502	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	732	813	14.0	14.8
With at least one member in the labor force	4,507	4,689	86.0	85.2
No member employed	287	251	5.5	4.6
Some member employed	4,219	4,439	80.5	80.7
No one unemployed	3,690	3,900	70.4	70.9
One or more employed full time	3,442	3,596	65.7	65.4
Some member unemployed	530	539	10.1	9.8
One or more employed full time	482	491	9.2	8.9

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 2. Families by employment status of members and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	IV 1992	IV 1993	IV 1992	IV 1993
Married-couple families	52,059	52,358	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	8,078	8,195	15.5	15.7
With at least one member in the labor force	43,982	44,163	84.5	84.3
No member employed	841	739	1.6	1.4
Some member employed	43,140	43,424	82.9	82.9
Husband only	10,532	10,408	20.2	19.9
Wife only	3,049	2,991	5.9	5.7
Husband and wife	26,005	26,659	50.0	50.9
Husband and wife only	21,413	22,035	41.1	42.1
Other combinations	3,554	3,365	6.8	6.4
Families maintained by women	11,733	11,788	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	2,898	2,887	24.7	24.5
With at least one member in the labor force	8,835	8,901	75.3	75.5
No member employed	872	820	7.4	7.0
Some member employed	7,963	8,081	67.9	68.6
Householder employed	6,643	6,746	56.6	57.2
Householder only	4,384	4,496	37.4	38.1
Householder and other(s)	2,258	2,250	19.2	19.1
Other combinations	1,320	1,335	11.3	11.3
Families maintained by men	3,193	3,371	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	370	396	11.6	11.7
With at least one member in the labor force	2,823	2,975	88.4	88.3
No member employed	198	208	6.2	6.2
Some member employed	2,625	2,767	82.2	82.1
Householder employed	2,236	2,393	70.0	71.0
Householder only	1,352	1,474	42.3	43.7
Householder and other(s)	884	919	27.7	27.3
Other combinations	389	374	12.2	11.1

Table 3. Families with unemployed members by type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	IV 1992	IV 1993	IV 1992	IV 1993
Families with unemployment	6,215	5,609	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	4,303	3,842	69.2	68.5
With no members employed	1,912	1,767	30.8	31.5
Married-couple families	4,245	3,792	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	3,403	3,053	80.2	80.5
With no members employed	841	739	19.8	19.5
With husband unemployed	1,780	1,502	41.9	39.6
Wife employed	1,082	930	25.5	24.5
Other(s) employed	90	76	2.1	2.0
No one employed	609	497	14.3	13.1
With wife unemployed	1,258	1,174	29.6	31.0
Husband employed	1,151	1,045	27.1	27.6
Other(s) employed	14	17	.3	.4
No one employed	93	112	2.2	3.0
With other member(s) unemployed	1,207	1,115	28.4	29.4
Families maintained by women	1,551	1,394	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	679	575	43.8	41.2
With no members employed	872	820	56.2	58.8
With householder unemployed	714	687	46.0	49.3
Other(s) employed	99	106	6.4	7.6
No one employed	615	580	39.7	41.6
With other member(s) unemployed	837	707	54.0	50.7
Families maintained by men	419	423	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	221	215	52.7	50.8
With no members employed	198	208	47.3	49.2
With householder unemployed	211	203	50.4	48.0
Other(s) employed	65	53	15.5	12.5
No one employed	146	150	34.8	35.5
With other member(s) unemployed	208	220	49.6	52.0

Table 4. Families with children under 18 years old by the employment status of parent(s) and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(In thousands)

Characteristic	IV 1992			IV 1993		
	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old
Total families	32,411	17,549	14,862	32,681	17,599	15,082
Married-couple families	23,849	12,455	11,394	23,941	12,565	11,376
With employed parent(s)	22,860	11,969	10,891	23,055	12,115	10,940
Neither unemployed	21,487	11,260	10,226	21,859	11,466	10,392
Father employed	6,475	2,539	3,936	6,421	2,501	3,920
Mother employed	579	390	189	579	383	196
Both employed	14,433	8,331	6,101	14,859	8,582	6,276
One unemployed	1,373	709	664	1,196	649	547
Father unemployed	633	356	277	532	296	236
Mother unemployed	740	353	387	664	353	311
With no employed parent	990	485	503	887	449	437
Father unemployed	339	126	213	273	97	175
Mother unemployed	41	26	14	41	30	11
Both unemployed	99	35	63	91	43	48
Neither in labor force	511	298	213	482	279	203
Families maintained by women	7,160	4,245	2,914	7,177	4,110	3,067
Mother employed	4,345	2,947	1,398	4,419	2,921	1,499
Mother not employed	2,815	1,298	1,517	2,758	1,189	1,568
Unemployed	587	309	278	572	268	304
Not in labor force	2,228	989	1,239	2,186	921	1,264
Families maintained by men	1,402	848	554	1,563	924	639
Father employed	1,148	706	441	1,275	767	508
Father not employed	254	142	113	288	157	131
Unemployed	105	54	51	117	60	57
Not in labor force	149	88	62	171	97	74
Total families with unemployed parents	2,544	1,259	1,283	2,290	1,147	1,142

Table 5. Employment status of persons in families by family relationship, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	IV 1992					IV 1993				
	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed			Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed		
			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)
TOTAL										
In families	151,970	66.4	6,964	6.9	67.9	152,305	66.6	6,244	6.2	66.9
In married-couple families	124,376	67.3	4,756	5.7	78.3	124,461	67.5	4,210	5.0	78.4
Husbands	52,059	77.3	1,780	4.4	65.8	52,358	77.1	1,502	3.7	66.9
Wives	52,059	59.8	1,402	4.5	84.4	52,358	60.3	1,315	4.2	82.3
Other family member(s)	20,258	61.1	1,574	12.7	86.8	19,745	60.7	1,393	11.6	87.0
In families maintained by women	21,427	60.6	1,749	13.5	44.0	21,455	60.8	1,581	12.1	41.1
Householder	11,733	62.7	714	9.7	13.9	11,788	63.1	687	9.2	15.5
Other family member(s)	9,694	58.0	1,035	18.4	64.8	9,667	58.1	894	15.9	60.8
In families maintained by men	6,166	69.1	460	10.8	51.7	6,389	70.1	454	10.1	50.0
Householder	3,193	76.6	211	8.6	30.6	3,371	77.0	203	7.8	26.1
Other family member(s)	2,973	61.0	249	13.7	69.3	3,018	62.4	251	13.3	69.5
White										
In families	129,226	67.0	5,089	5.9	70.4	129,175	67.3	4,643	5.3	70.7
In married-couple families	110,502	67.3	3,877	5.2	77.9	110,386	67.6	3,475	4.7	78.9
Husbands	46,754	77.3	1,498	4.1	65.2	47,008	77.1	1,251	3.5	66.5
Wives	46,751	59.2	1,169	4.2	84.9	46,990	59.9	1,130	4.0	83.5
Other family member(s)	16,997	62.4	1,210	11.4	87.0	16,388	62.3	1,094	10.7	88.2
In families maintained by women	14,020	63.2	892	10.1	44.3	13,856	63.9	846	9.6	44.4
Householder	7,807	63.9	376	7.5	16.4	7,735	64.6	368	7.4	18.7
Other family member(s)	6,213	62.3	516	13.3	64.6	6,121	63.1	478	12.4	64.3
In families maintained by men	4,704	69.9	320	9.7	51.9	4,933	71.4	323	9.2	51.1
Householder	2,469	77.9	146	7.6	30.7	2,643	78.5	145	7.0	29.3
Other family member(s)	2,235	61.1	174	12.8	69.3	2,290	63.0	178	12.3	68.9
Black										
In families	16,777	62.8	1,543	14.7	57.8	16,962	62.2	1,308	12.4	54.6
In married-couple families	9,043	67.8	633	10.3	78.8	9,152	67.5	534	8.6	78.1
Husbands	3,543	75.6	204	7.6	67.0	3,536	75.1	167	6.3	71.6
Wives	3,431	67.4	164	7.1	83.1	3,416	67.1	124	5.4	76.7
Other family member(s)	2,069	55.3	265	23.2	85.3	2,200	55.9	243	19.8	83.4
In families maintained by women	6,656	55.5	799	21.6	42.7	6,751	54.7	671	18.2	36.8
Householder	3,564	60.0	320	15.0	9.8	3,619	60.0	288	13.3	9.6
Other family member(s)	3,092	50.3	479	30.8	64.7	3,132	48.7	383	25.1	57.0
In families maintained by men	1,078	64.8	110	15.7	46.4	1,059	63.4	103	15.4	48.5
Householder	572	70.0	55	13.7	(1)	566	68.4	47	12.2	(1)
Other family member(s)	506	59.1	55	18.5	(1)	493	57.6	56	19.8	(1)
Hispanic origin										
In families	12,647	64.4	950	11.7	62.9	13,108	64.5	892	10.6	66.3
In married-couple families	9,392	66.2	661	10.6	71.3	9,703	66.4	613	9.5	75.7
Husbands	3,556	84.8	247	8.2	52.5	3,732	84.9	216	6.8	54.9
Wives	3,675	51.9	181	9.5	79.4	3,803	53.1	172	8.5	82.7
Other family member(s)	2,161	60.0	233	18.0	84.5	2,168	57.8	225	18.0	90.1
In families maintained by women	2,288	52.8	202	16.7	36.1	2,459	53.5	194	14.7	40.2
Householder	1,249	54.0	95	14.1	13.5	1,327	52.5	85	12.3	21.1
Other family member(s)	1,039	51.2	107	20.1	56.0	1,132	54.7	109	17.6	54.7
In families maintained by men	967	73.6	87	12.2	62.1	946	73.8	84	12.0	59.5
Householder	441	82.4	37	10.2	(1)	457	83.7	31	8.1	(1)
Other family member(s)	526	66.3	50	14.3	(1)	489	64.6	53	16.8	(1)

[1] Data not shown where base is less than 60,000.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	IV 1992	IV 1993	IV 1992	IV 1993	IV 1992	IV 1993
TOTAL						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	44,398	44,869	100.0	100.0	$690	$715
One earner	18,965	19,345	42.7	43.1	402	418
Two or more earners	25,433	25,524	57.3	56.9	906	943
Married-couple families	34,384	34,564	100.0	100.0	783	813
One earner	12,087	12,197	35.2	35.3	462	485
Husband	8,545	8,758	24.9	25.3	536	573
Wife	2,788	2,721	8.1	7.9	295	324
Other family member	754	718	2.2	2.1	279	271
Two or more earners	22,296	22,367	64.8	64.7	939	982
Husband and wife only	16,572	16,830	48.2	48.7	914	958
Husband, wife, and other family member(s)	3,384	3,423	9.8	9.9	1,209	1,209
Husband and other family member(s)	1,549	1,426	4.5	4.1	806	870
Wife and other family member(s)	651	580	1.9	1.7	581	578
Other family members only	140	109	.4	.3	548	578
Families maintained by women	7,660	7,869	100.0	100.0	385	392
One earner	5,345	5,565	69.8	70.7	301	309
Householder	4,280	4,557	55.9	57.9	311	318
Other family member	1,065	1,008	13.9	12.8	266	253
Two or more earners	2,315	2,304	30.2	29.3	622	670
Families maintained by men	2,354	2,436	100.0	100.0	520	534
One earner	1,532	1,584	65.1	65.0	433	469
Householder	1,202	1,317	51.0	54.0	479	494
Other family member	331	267	14.0	11.0	306	286
Two or more earners	822	852	34.9	35.0	741	744
White						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	37,545	37,830	100.0	100.0	718	749
One earner	15,506	15,698	41.3	41.5	423	444
Two or more earners	22,038	22,132	58.7	58.5	920	962
Married-couple families	30,340	30,520	100.0	100.0	795	825
One earner	10,707	10,755	35.3	35.2	474	495
Husband	7,718	7,825	25.4	25.6	556	585
Wife	2,344	2,322	7.7	7.6	295	323
Two or more earners	19,633	19,765	64.7	64.8	954	996
Husband and wife only	14,593	14,956	48.1	49.0	925	973
Families maintained by women	5,335	5,386	100.0	100.0	405	407
One earner	3,579	3,675	67.1	68.2	313	319
Two or more earners	1,755	1,711	32.9	31.8	627	676
Families maintained by men	1,870	1,924	100.0	100.0	537	557
One earner	1,220	1,267	65.2	65.9	463	492
Two or more earners	650	656	34.8	34.1	735	753
Black						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	5,239	5,363	100.0	100.0	489	499
One earner	2,787	2,894	53.2	54.0	297	309
Two or more earners	2,452	2,469	46.8	46.0	754	801
Married-couple families	2,751	2,776	100.0	100.0	653	680
One earner	887	919	32.2	33.1	317	354
Husband	470	541	17.1	19.5	400	389
Wife	340	309	12.3	11.1	280	327
Two or more earners	1,864	1,857	67.8	66.9	791	839
Husband and wife only	1,429	1,364	51.9	49.1	774	810
Families maintained by women	2,119	2,196	100.0	100.0	334	344
One earner	1,630	1,707	76.9	77.7	272	287
Two or more earners	489	489	23.1	22.3	608	618
Families maintained by men	369	391	100.0	100.0	409	398
One earner	270	268	73.1	68.5	337	311
Two or more earners	99	123	26.9	31.5	([2])	580

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	IV 1992	IV 1993	IV 1992	IV 1993	IV 1992	IV 1993
Hispanic origin						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	3,831	3,905	100.0	100.0	$474	$506
One earner	1,886	1,900	49.2	48.7	303	305
Two or more earners	1,945	2,005	50.8	51.3	684	719
Married-couple families	2,736	2,807	100.0	100.0	515	551
One earner	1,197	1,218	43.8	43.4	318	312
Husband	950	993	34.7	35.4	342	336
Wife	167	149	6.1	5.3	260	222
Two or more earners	1,539	1,589	56.2	56.6	731	753
Husband and wife only	973	1,025	35.6	36.5	719	755
Families maintained by women	721	752	100.0	100.0	318	375
One earner	513	480	71.2	63.8	246	276
Two or more earners	208	272	28.8	36.2	562	587
Families maintained by men	374	346	100.0	100.0	506	429
One earner	176	202	47.0	58.3	351	325
Two or more earners	198	144	53.0	41.7	590	680

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

[2] Data not shown where base is less than 100,000.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 7. Families with unemployed members and wage and salary earners by type of family and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	IV 1992	IV 1993	IV 1992	IV 1993	IV 1992	IV 1993
Families with unemployment and wage and salary earners[1]	3,900	3,419	—	—	$460	$503
Married-couple families	3,058	2,729	100.0	100.0	493	531
Husband unemployed	1,089	958	35.6	35.1	337	378
Wife only earner	841	719	27.5	26.3	317	351
Wife and other earner(s)	164	154	5.4	5.6	591	556
Other earners only	85	86	2.8	3.1	([2])	([2])
Wife unemployed	1,080	1,009	35.3	37.0	488	541
Husband only earner	913	882	29.9	32.3	460	508
Husband and other earner(s)	150	117	4.9	4.3	811	835
Other earners only	17	11	.5	.4	([2])	([2])
Other members unemployed	889	762	29.1	27.9	815	841
Husband or wife earners	349	274	11.4	10.0	553	562
Both husband and wife earners	516	459	16.9	16.8	992	992
Other combinations of earners	23	28	.8	1.0	([2])	([2])
Families maintained by women[1]	650	507	100.0	100.0	330	340
Householder unemployed	101	92	15.6	18.3	149	([2])
Other member(s) unemployed	548	414	84.4	81.7	371	370
Families maintained by men[1]	193	183	100.0	100.0	478	540
Householder unemployed	59	35	30.6	19.1	([2])	([2])
Other member(s) unemployed	134	148	69.4	80.9	577	568

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

[2] Data not shown where base is less than 100,000.

Table 8. Families by employment status of members and type of family, annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	1992	1993	1992	1993
Married-couple families	51,834	52,120	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	8,016	8,179	15.5	15.7
With at least one member in the labor force	43,817	43,941	84.5	84.3
No member employed	931	805	1.8	1.5
Some member employed	42,886	43,136	82.7	82.8
Husband only	10,619	10,576	20.5	20.3
Wife only	3,003	3,001	5.8	5.8
Husband and wife	25,656	26,038	49.5	50.0
Husband and wife only	20,926	21,319	40.4	40.9
Other combinations	3,608	3,522	7.0	6.8
Families maintained by women	11,726	11,957	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	2,918	2,948	24.9	24.7
With at least one member in the labor force	8,808	9,009	75.1	75.3
No member employed	863	857	7.4	7.2
Some member employed	7,945	8,152	67.8	68.2
Householder employed	6,582	6,764	56.1	56.6
Householder only	4,354	4,481	37.1	37.5
Householder and other(s)	2,228	2,283	19.0	19.1
Other combinations	1,363	1,388	11.6	11.6
Families maintained by men	3,226	3,301	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	363	387	11.3	11.7
With at least one member in the labor force	2,863	2,914	88.7	88.3
No member employed	206	217	6.4	6.6
Some member employed	2,657	2,697	82.4	81.7
Householder employed	2,288	2,339	70.9	70.9
Householder only	1,349	1,404	41.8	42.5
Householder and other(s)	939	935	29.1	28.3
Other combinations	369	358	11.4	10.8

Table 9. Families with children under 18 years old by the employment status of parent(s) and type of family, annual averages

(In thousands)

Characteristic	1992			1993		
	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old
Total families	32,442	17,420	15,022	32,730	17,568	15,162
Married-couple families	23,979	12,454	11,524	23,991	12,513	11,478
With employed parent(s)	22,925	11,956	10,969	23,034	12,051	10,982
Neither unemployed	21,526	11,215	10,312	21,758	11,363	10,395
Father employed	6,641	2,664	3,978	6,662	2,655	4,007
Mother employed	536	351	186	595	402	193
Both employed	14,349	8,200	6,148	14,501	8,306	6,195
One unemployed	1,399	741	657	1,277	689	587
Father unemployed	667	376	290	608	348	259
Mother unemployed	732	365	367	669	341	328
With no employed parent	1,054	498	555	957	463	495
Father unemployed	369	120	249	320	111	210
Mother unemployed	48	30	18	39	24	15
Both unemployed	117	50	67	97	47	50
Neither in labor force	520	298	221	501	281	220
Families maintained by women	7,075	4,137	2,937	7,244	4,185	3,059
Mother employed	4,246	2,893	1,353	4,403	2,939	1,464
Mother not employed	2,829	1,245	1,584	2,841	1,246	1,595
Unemployed	600	316	284	585	278	307
Not in labor force	2,229	929	1,300	2,256	968	1,288
Families maintained by men	1,389	829	560	1,494	869	624
Father employed	1,140	691	450	1,204	712	492
Father not employed	248	138	110	290	158	132
Unemployed	116	55	61	131	62	68
Not in labor force	132	83	49	159	96	64
Total families with unemployed parents	2,649	1,312	1,336	2,449	1,211	1,237

Table 10. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
TOTAL						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	44,137	44,383	100.0	100.0	$688	$707
One earner	18,947	19,161	42.9	43.2	403	413
Two or more earners	25,190	25,222	57.1	56.8	907	935
Married-couple families	34,280	34,257	100.0	100.0	779	804
One earner	12,200	12,185	35.6	35.6	469	481
Husband	8,667	8,643	25.3	25.2	546	565
Wife	2,801	2,773	8.2	8.1	294	314
Other family member	732	769	2.1	2.2	282	282
Two or more earners	22,080	22,071	64.4	64.4	942	973
Husband and wife only	16,225	16,349	47.3	47.7	913	944
Husband, wife, and other family member(s)	3,484	3,488	10.2	10.2	1,202	1,211
Husband and other family member(s)	1,617	1,509	4.7	4.4	848	875
Wife and other family member(s)	597	574	1.7	1.7	592	613
Other family members only	158	150	.5	.4	589	605
Families maintained by women	7,546	7,792	100.0	100.0	385	393
One earner	5,286	5,452	70.0	70.0	306	307
Householder	4,225	4,402	56.0	56.5	316	315
Other family member	1,061	1,050	14.1	13.5	264	263
Two or more earners	2,261	2,340	30.0	30.0	634	655
Families maintained by men	2,311	2,334	100.0	100.0	519	523
One earner	1,462	1,523	63.2	65.3	415	429
Householder	1,190	1,248	51.5	53.5	441	473
Other family member	272	275	11.8	11.8	307	284
Two or more earners	850	811	36.8	34.7	756	763
White						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	37,378	37,458	100.0	100.0	716	739
One earner	15,556	15,620	41.6	41.7	428	442
Two or more earners	21,822	21,838	58.4	58.3	923	951
Married-couple families	30,337	30,288	100.0	100.0	791	816
One earner	10,852	10,790	35.8	35.6	483	492
Husband	7,844	7,755	25.9	25.6	561	583
Wife	2,384	2,383	7.9	7.9	296	313
Two or more earners	19,485	19,497	64.2	64.4	954	984
Husband and wife only	14,369	14,546	47.4	48.0	923	954
Families maintained by women	5,226	5,355	100.0	100.0	409	415
One earner	3,557	3,632	68.1	67.8	320	321
Two or more earners	1,669	1,723	31.9	32.2	642	666
Families maintained by men	1,814	1,816	100.0	100.0	545	547
One earner	1,147	1,198	63.2	66.0	442	468
Two or more earners	668	618	36.8	34.0	768	769
Black						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	5,188	5,268	100.0	100.0	478	490
One earner	2,729	2,834	52.6	53.8	291	302
Two or more earners	2,460	2,434	47.4	46.2	756	788
Married-couple families	2,723	2,698	100.0	100.0	646	674
One earner	895	909	32.9	33.7	309	344
Husband	486	539	17.9	20.0	359	381
Wife	330	287	12.1	10.7	279	321
Two or more earners	1,828	1,789	67.1	66.3	806	846
Husband and wife only	1,327	1,285	48.7	47.6	783	819
Families maintained by women	2,079	2,168	100.0	100.0	328	334
One earner	1,570	1,653	75.5	76.3	272	281
Two or more earners	509	515	24.5	23.7	604	606
Families maintained by men	386	403	100.0	100.0	412	413
One earner	264	272	68.3	67.6	323	315
Two or more earners	122	130	31.7	32.4	671	675

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 10. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, annual averages —Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
Hispanic origin						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	3,755	3,879	100.0	100.0	$496	$505
One earner	1,778	1,865	47.4	48.1	312	314
Two or more earners	1,977	2,014	52.6	51.9	701	713
Married-couple families	2,698	2,800	100.0	100.0	552	566
One earner	1,116	1,177	41.4	42.1	333	334
Husband	876	912	32.5	32.6	365	365
Wife	170	183	6.3	6.5	264	262
Two or more earners	1,582	1,622	58.6	57.9	743	744
Husband and wife only	968	1,032	35.9	36.9	721	733
Families maintained by women	720	749	100.0	100.0	341	353
One earner	495	506	68.8	67.6	263	269
Two or more earners	225	243	31.2	32.4	559	573
Families maintained by men	337	330	100.0	100.0	476	432
One earner	166	181	49.4	55.0	323	309
Two or more earners	170	148	50.6	45.0	581	602

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

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EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES: THIRD QUARTER 1993

The number of families with at least one unemployed member decreased by about 650,000 over the year ended in the third quarter of 1993 to 6.1 million, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. This decline continued the pattern of each quarter of 1993 and reflected continued moderate improvement in the labor market.

Median earnings of families with wage and salary workers rose by 3.2 percent over the year to $716 a week in the third quarter of 1993. This exceeded the 2.8 percent rise over the same period in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). Other third-quarter 1993 highlights were:

—The number of families with at least one person employed rose by 430,000 over the year to 54.2 million. More than 70 percent of this gain was comprised of families with at least one full-time worker. In line with the increase in their overall number, families maintained by women accounted for over two-thirds of the total over-the-year growth in families with employment. (See tables A and 2.)

—Overall, about 3 out of 10 families with unemployment did not have an employed member. Such families accounted for about the same proportion of the over-the-year decline in family unemployment. Of the 6.1 million families with unemployment, 4.3 million (7 out of 10) also contained at least one employed member, including 3.8 million in which an employed member was a full-time worker. (See tables A and 1.)

—Married-couple families with at least one jobless member were much more likely to have an employed member than families that were maintained by women—81 versus 46 percent. This was because a much higher proportion of married-couple families had two or more employed persons. (See tables A, 2, and 3.)

—There were 300,000 fewer families with children which had an unemployed parent in the third quarter of 1993 than a year earlier. Overall, there were about 2.4 million families with at least one unemployed parent, out of a total of 33 million with children under 18. (See table 4.)

—Median weekly earnings of married-couple families with wage and salary workers rose 3.7 percent over the year, reaching $815 a week in the third quarter of 1993. About two-thirds of these families had two or more earners, and had median earnings of $987 a week. Median earnings of families maintained by women ($407) remained about half those of married-couple families. Median earnings of white families ($747) continued to exceed by a large margin those of both Hispanic ($513) and black ($500) families. (See table 6.)

Table A. Summary labor force characteristics of families, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	III 1992	III 1993	Change
Total families	67,028	67,537	509
With employed member(s)	53,730	54,161	431
Percent of total families	80.2	80.2	.0
With member(s) employed full time	50,100	50,410	310
Percent of total families	74.7	74.6	-.1
With unemployed member(s)	6,736	6,085	-651
Percent with employed member(s)	70.2	70.2	.0
Percent of total families	10.0	9.0	-1.0
With unemployed member(s), none employed	2,009	1,810	-199
Percent of total families	3.0	2.7	-.3
With no members in labor force	11,289	11,566	277
Percent with all members 60 years and over	61.2	60.4	-.8
Percent of total families	16.8	17.1	.3
With children under 18 years old	32,642	32,726	84
Percent with employed parent(s)	87.5	87.6	.1
Percent with employed mother	60.5	61.0	.5
Percent of total families	48.7	48.5	-.2
With children under 6 years old	15,106	15,069	-37
Percent with employed parent(s)	85.3	85.4	.1
Percent with employed mother	53.0	53.4	.4
Percent of total families	22.5	22.3	-.2

Explanatory Note

The estimates in this release were obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), which provides basic information on the labor force, employment, and unemployment. The survey is conducted monthly for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by the Bureau of the Census from a scientifically selected national sample of about 60,000 households, with coverage in all 50 States and the District of Columbia. The earnings data are collected from one-quarter of the CPS monthly sample and are limited to wages and salaries. The data, therefore, exclude self-employment income.

Information in this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: 202-606-STAT; TDD phone: 202-606-5897; TDD Message Referral Phone Number: 1-800-326-2577.

Reliability

In any sample survey, variations in the data can occur by chance because a sample, rather than the whole of the population, is surveyed. The standard error is a measure of such potential variation. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the survey differs from a figure that would be obtained from a complete census by less than one standard error. The chances are about 90 out of 100 that such a difference would be less than 1.6 standard errors. All statements of comparisons in the text of this release are significant at 1.6 or more standard errors.

Standard errors for numbers and proportions of families can be approximated using tables found in the Household Data section of the Explanatory Notes in *Employment and Earnings*. Representative standard errors for median family earnings are available from BLS upon request.

Definitions

The principal definitions used in this release are described briefly below.

Family. A family is a group of two or more persons residing together who are related by blood, marriage, or adoption. The count of families is for "primary" families only, that is, the householder and all other persons related to and residing with the householder. Not included are unrelated subfamilies. Families are classified either as married-couple families or families maintained by women or men without spouses.

Householder. A householder is the person in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented.

Employed. Employed persons are those who during the survey week: (a) Did any work at all as paid employees; (b) worked in their own business or profession or on their own farms; or (c) worked 15 hours or more as an unpaid worker in a family-operated enterprise. Also included are those who were temporarily absent from their jobs because of illness, vacation, bad weather, labor-management disputes, or personal reasons.

Unemployed. The unemployed are persons who had no employment during the survey week, were available for work at that time, and made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the prior 4 weeks. Persons laid off from their former jobs and awaiting recall and those expecting to report to a job within 30 days need not be looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

Wage and salary workers. Workers who receive wages, salaries, commissions, tips, payment in kind, or piece rates. Persons who report themselves as self-employed, including those whose businesses are incorporated, are excluded from coverage in these earnings data.

Usual weekly earnings. Data on usual weekly earnings are provided from responses to the question, "How much does...USUALLY earn per week at this job before deductions? Include any overtime pay, commissions, or tips usually received." The response is for the worker's sole or principal job, and the term "usual" is as perceived by the respondent. If the respondent asks for a definition of "usual," interviewers are instructed to define the term as more than half the weeks worked during the past 4 or 5 months.

Median weekly earnings. The median of weekly earnings is the value at which 50 percent of the earnings distribution lies above and 50 percent lies below. The estimating procedure places each reported earnings value into intervals which are centered around multiples of $50. The actual value is calculated through linear interpolation of the interval in which the median lies.

Over-the-year changes in the medians for component groups may not necessarily be consistent with the changes estimated for the overall median and therefore are not presented in this release. Circumstances under which this can occur include: (1) Even though medians of component groups may rise, if the lower-earnings group accounts for a sufficiently increased share of the total, the overall median can rise less than for any of the groups; and (2) survey observations tend to be clustered at rounded values, such as $250, $300, and $400, and an estimated median lying in a $50-wide centered interval containing such a cluster changes more slowly than one in non-clustered intervals. For example, if the medians for component groups are not in a cluster but the overall group median is, then the increase in the overall median will be less than for the components.

Table 1. Families by employment status of members, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	III 1992	III 1993	III 1992	III 1993
TOTAL				
Total families	87,028	87,537	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	11,289	11,568	16.8	17.1
With at least one member in the labor force	55,739	55,971	83.2	82.9
No member employed	2,009	1,810	3.0	2.7
Some member employed	53,730	54,181	80.2	80.2
No one unemployed	49,003	49,886	73.1	73.9
One or more employed full time	45,876	46,580	68.4	89.0
Some member unemployed	4,727	4,275	7.1	6.3
One or more employed full time	4,224	3,830	6.3	5.7
White				
Total families	57,123	57,434	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	9,556	9,659	18.7	18.8
With at least one member in the labor force	47,587	47,775	83.3	83.2
No member employed	1,378	1,202	2.4	2.1
Some member employed	46,189	46,573	80.9	81.1
No one unemployed	42,498	43,211	74.4	75.2
One or more employed full time	39,889	40,461	89.8	70.4
Some member unemployed	3,691	3,362	6.5	5.9
One or more employed full time	3,313	3,007	5.8	5.2
Black				
Total families	7,644	7,688	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	1,462	1,582	19.1	20.6
With at least one member in the labor force	6,182	6,106	80.9	79.4
No member employed	559	523	7.3	6.8
Some member employed	5,823	5,583	73.6	72.6
No one unemployed	4,803	4,872	62.8	63.4
One or more employed full time	4,394	4,428	57.5	57.6
Some member unemployed	820	710	10.7	9.2
One or more employed full time	708	638	9.3	8.3
Hispanic origin				
Total families	5,187	5,418	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	714	803	13.8	14.8
With at least one member in the labor force	4,473	4,615	86.2	85.2
No member employed	283	215	5.5	4.0
Some member employed	4,190	4,400	80.8	81.2
No one unemployed	3,637	3,846	70.1	71.0
One or more employed full time	3,409	3,587	65.7	66.2
Some member unemployed	553	554	10.7	10.2
One or more employed full time	507	492	9.8	9.1

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

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Table 2. Families by employment status of members and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	III 1992	III 1993	III 1992	III 1993
Married-couple families	52,001	52,128	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	8,102	8,300	15.6	15.9
With at least one member in the labor force	43,899	43,828	84.4	84.1
No member employed	917	763	1.8	1.5
Some member employed	42,981	43,065	82.7	82.6
Husband only	10,812	10,639	20.8	20.4
Wife only	2,863	2,784	5.5	5.3
Husband and wife	25,593	25,905	49.2	49.7
Husband and wife only	20,593	20,886	39.6	40.1
Other combinations	3,713	3,737	7.1	7.2
Families maintained by women	11,757	12,062	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	2,824	2,874	24.0	23.8
With at least one member in the labor force	8,932	9,188	76.0	76.2
No member employed	884	842	7.5	7.0
Some member employed	8,049	8,346	68.5	69.2
Householder employed	6,607	6,860	56.2	56.9
Householder only	4,290	4,458	36.5	37.0
Householder and other(s)	2,317	2,402	19.7	19.9
Other combinations	1,441	1,486	12.3	12.3
Families maintained by men	3,271	3,347	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	363	392	11.1	11.7
With at least one member in the labor force	2,908	2,955	88.9	88.3
No member employed	208	205	6.4	6.1
Some member employed	2,700	2,750	82.5	82.2
Householder employed	2,340	2,405	71.5	71.9
Householder only	1,353	1,433	41.4	42.8
Householder and other(s)	987	972	30.2	29.0
Other combinations	360	346	11.0	10.3

Table 3. Families with unemployed members by type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	III 1992	III 1993	III 1992	III 1993
Families with unemployment	6,736	6,085	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	4,727	4,275	70.2	70.3
With no members employed	2,009	1,810	29.8	29.7
Married-couple families	4,631	4,104	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	3,713	3,340	80.2	81.4
With no members employed	917	763	19.8	18.6
With husband unemployed	1,791	1,527	38.7	37.2
Wife employed	1,061	912	22.9	22.2
Other(s) employed	86	81	1.9	2.0
No one employed	645	535	13.9	13.0
With wife unemployed	1,394	1,287	30.1	31.4
Husband employed	1,247	1,164	26.9	28.4
Other(s) employed	14	23	.3	.6
No one employed	133	100	2.9	2.4
With other member(s) unemployed	1,446	1,290	31.2	31.4
Families maintained by women	1,647	1,564	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	764	722	46.4	46.2
With no members employed	884	842	53.7	53.8
With householder unemployed	777	727	47.2	46.5
Other(s) employed	143	143	8.7	9.1
No one employed	635	584	38.6	37.3
With other member(s) unemployed	870	837	52.8	53.5
Families maintained by men	458	417	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	250	212	54.6	50.8
With no members employed	208	205	45.4	49.2
With householder unemployed	221	206	48.3	49.4
Other(s) employed	62	49	13.5	11.8
No one employed	159	157	34.7	37.6
With other member(s) unemployed	237	211	51.7	50.6

Table 4. Families with children under 18 years old by the employment status of parent(s) and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(In thousands)

Characteristic	III 1992			III 1993		
	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old
Total families	32,642	17,536	15,106	32,726	17,657	15,069
Married-couple families	24,157	12,579	11,578	23,916	12,534	11,382
With employed parent(s)	23,155	12,081	11,075	23,015	12,099	10,917
Neither unemployed	21,749	11,345	10,404	21,786	11,451	10,335
Father employed	6,821	2,807	4,014	6,760	2,752	4,008
Mother employed	499	335	164	554	386	168
Both employed	14,429	8,203	6,226	14,472	8,313	6,159
One unemployed	1,407	737	671	1,229	647	582
Father unemployed	586	324	263	526	286	240
Mother unemployed	821	413	408	703	361	342
With no employed parent	1,003	498	503	900	435	466
Father unemployed	337	120	217	303	105	199
Mother unemployed	43	27	16	35	20	15
Both unemployed	118	50	67	83	42	42
Neither in labor force	505	301	203	479	268	210
Families maintained by women	7,090	4,128	2,962	7,282	4,201	3,081
Mother employed	4,240	2,893	1,347	4,423	2,945	1,478
Mother not employed	2,850	1,235	1,615	2,859	1,256	1,603
Unemployed	648	339	309	589	280	309
Not in labor force	2,202	896	1,306	2,270	976	1,294
Families maintained by men	1,395	829	566	1,528	922	606
Father employed	1,153	690	463	1,246	767	479
Father not employed	242	139	104	282	155	127
Unemployed	110	50	60	121	60	61
Not in labor force	132	89	44	161	95	66
Total families with unemployed parents	2,663	1,323	1,340	2,360	1,154	1,208

Table 5. Employment status of persons in families by family relationship, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	III 1992					III 1993				
	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed			Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed		
			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)
TOTAL										
In families	152,033	67.4	7,587	7.4	68.4	152,466	67.2	6,796	6.6	68.7
In married-couple families	124,246	68.1	5,202	6.2	77.8	123,967	67.8	4,556	5.4	79.0
Husbands	52,001	77.5	1,791	4.4	64.0	52,128	77.1	1,527	3.8	65.0
Wives	52,001	59.0	1,588	5.2	81.6	52,128	58.9	1,436	4.7	83.9
Other family member(s)	20,244	67.1	1,823	13.4	88.2	19,711	66.9	1,593	12.1	88.0
In families maintained by women	21,447	62.4	1,876	14.0	46.6	22,111	62.2	1,786	13.0	46.8
Householder	11,757	62.8	777	10.5	18.3	12,062	62.9	727	9.6	19.6
Other family member(s)	9,690	62.0	1,099	18.3	66.6	10,049	61.5	1,059	17.1	65.4
In families maintained by men	6,342	71.9	508	11.1	52.4	6,389	70.9	454	10.0	51.5
Householder	3,271	78.3	221	8.6	28.1	3,347	78.0	206	7.9	23.7
Other family member(s)	3,071	65.1	287	14.4	71.0	3,042	63.0	248	12.9	74.3
White										
In families	129,369	67.8	5,628	6.4	70.7	129,399	67.8	4,991	5.7	71.4
In married-couple families	110,426	68.1	4,301	5.7	77.5	110,141	67.9	3,738	5.0	78.9
Husbands	46,719	77.5	1,517	4.2	63.5	46,835	77.1	1,288	3.6	65.5
Wives	46,721	58.4	1,358	5.0	81.4	46,823	58.5	1,223	4.5	84.0
Other family member(s)	16,986	68.8	1,426	12.2	88.8	16,483	68.8	1,227	10.8	88.0
In families maintained by women	13,991	64.3	958	10.6	47.8	14,280	65.0	923	10.0	48.1
Householder	7,803	63.3	407	8.2	23.3	7,932	64.7	386	7.5	23.3
Other family member(s)	6,188	65.7	551	13.6	65.9	6,348	65.3	537	13.0	65.9
In families maintained by men	4,952	72.6	369	10.3	50.7	4,978	71.7	330	9.2	50.9
Householder	2,587	79.1	164	8.0	26.4	2,645	79.0	153	7.3	24.5
Other family member(s)	2,365	65.5	205	13.2	70.6	2,333	63.4	177	12.0	73.8
Black										
In families	16,788	64.9	1,629	15.0	59.2	16,928	63.6	1,475	13.7	59.5
In married-couple families	9,069	68.9	660	10.6	78.6	8,956	68.1	588	9.6	80.4
Husbands	3,555	75.3	203	7.6	66.4	3,485	75.6	155	5.9	66.6
Wives	3,433	67.3	162	7.0	81.8	3,396	65.4	145	6.5	82.3
Other family member(s)	2,081	60.5	295	23.4	84.9	2,075	60.1	288	23.1	87.2
In families maintained by women	6,706	58.9	855	21.7	44.7	6,971	57.2	797	20.0	44.7
Householder	3,580	61.9	350	15.8	11.8	3,702	59.7	320	14.5	14.2
Other family member(s)	3,126	55.4	505	29.2	67.5	3,269	54.4	477	26.8	65.1
In families maintained by men	1,013	68.3	115	16.6	55.7	1,001	66.8	90	13.5	53.3
Householder	525	73.5	47	12.1	(1)	530	72.1	35	9.2	(1)
Other family member(s)	488	62.7	68	22.2	71.3	471	61.1	55	19.3	(1)
Hispanic origin										
In families	12,525	65.7	974	11.8	64.1	12,963	64.8	861	10.3	69.6
In married-couple families	9,247	67.3	672	10.8	72.5	9,527	66.8	601	9.4	76.7
Husbands	3,495	85.4	241	8.1	56.2	3,614	84.7	202	6.6	58.2
Wives	3,654	53.6	196	10.0	81.2	3,760	53.4	171	8.5	85.5
Other family member(s)	2,098	61.2	235	18.3	82.1	2,153	60.1	228	17.6	86.1
In families maintained by women	2,316	54.8	211	16.6	43.1	2,478	52.5	194	14.9	51.0
Householder	1,254	53.5	91	13.6	17.4	1,346	50.3	82	12.2	30.4
Other family member(s)	1,062	56.5	120	20.1	62.5	1,132	55.3	112	17.9	66.2
In families maintained by men	962	76.1	90	12.3	50.0	958	76.5	66	9.0	60.6
Householder	445	84.2	42	11.2	(1)	451	84.5	27	7.0	(1)
Other family member(s)	517	69.2	48	13.4	(1)	507	69.3	39	11.0	(1)

[1] Data not shown where base is less than 60,000.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	III 1992	III 1993	III 1992	III 1993	III 1992	III 1993
TOTAL						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	44,375	44,451	100.0	100.0	$694	$716
One earner	19,058	19,034	42.9	42.8	405	416
Two or more earners	25,316	25,417	57.1	57.2	919	948
Married-couple families	34,333	33,960	100.0	100.0	786	815
One earner	12,342	11,927	35.9	35.1	475	484
Husband	8,923	8,621	26.0	25.4	545	567
Wife	2,735	2,482	8.0	7.3	303	305
Other family member	684	823	2.0	2.4	295	272
Two or more earners	21,991	22,033	64.1	64.9	958	987
Husband and wife only	15,976	16,025	46.5	47.2	925	946
Husband, wife, and other family member(s)	3,600	3,680	10.5	10.8	1,219	1,229
Husband and other family member(s)	1,696	1,669	4.9	4.9	884	928
Wife and other family member(s)	575	515	1.7	1.5	589	665
Other family members only	144	145	.4	.4	492	681
Families maintained by women	7,601	8,051	100.0	100.0	388	407
One earner	5,216	5,517	68.6	68.5	309	310
Householder	4,088	4,341	53.8	53.9	319	324
Other family member	1,128	1,176	14.8	14.6	261	247
Two or more earners	2,386	2,534	31.4	31.5	649	673
Families maintained by men	2,440	2,441	100.0	100.0	527	543
One earner	1,501	1,590	61.5	65.2	415	430
Householder	1,254	1,319	51.4	54.0	419	470
Other family member	247	271	10.1	11.1	359	296
Two or more earners	939	850	38.5	34.8	790	818
White						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	37,496	37,527	100.0	100.0	723	747
One earner	15,599	15,586	41.6	41.5	437	447
Two or more earners	21,896	21,941	58.4	58.5	938	960
Married-couple families	30,361	30,111	100.0	100.0	799	825
One earner	10,947	10,698	36.1	35.5	491	496
Husband	8,078	7,834	26.6	26.0	560	584
Wife	2,308	2,167	7.6	7.2	305	300
Two or more earners	19,414	19,413	63.9	64.5	971	995
Husband and wife only	14,169	14,193	46.7	47.1	936	953
Families maintained by women	5,213	5,490	100.0	100.0	411	436
One earner	3,490	3,646	66.9	66.4	322	321
Two or more earners	1,724	1,844	33.1	33.6	657	683
Families maintained by men	1,921	1,926	100.0	100.0	566	571
One earner	1,163	1,242	60.5	64.5	439	460
Two or more earners	758	684	39.5	35.5	827	821
Black						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	5,301	5,281	100.0	100.0	464	500
One earner	2,816	2,807	53.1	53.2	291	306
Two or more earners	2,485	2,474	46.9	46.8	750	813
Married-couple families	2,758	2,586	100.0	100.0	614	697
One earner	961	797	34.8	30.8	299	333
Husband	507	474	18.4	18.3	328	376
Wife	361	233	13.1	9.0	288	329
Two or more earners	1,797	1,789	65.2	69.2	812	883
Husband and wife only	1,271	1,285	46.1	49.7	800	847
Families maintained by women	2,149	2,302	100.0	100.0	334	352
One earner	1,579	1,720	73.5	74.7	281	286
Two or more earners	570	583	26.5	25.3	591	615
Families maintained by men	393	392	100.0	100.0	411	435
One earner	276	290	70.0	74.0	312	365
Two or more earners	118	102	30.0	26.0	633	741

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	III 1992	III 1993	III 1992	III 1993	III 1992	III 1993
Hispanic origin						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	3,920	3,981	100.0	100.0	$507	$513
One earner	1,863	1,856	47.5	46.6	322	312
Two or more earners	2,058	2,125	52.5	53.4	701	723
Married-couple families	2,809	2,837	100.0	100.0	568	581
One earner	1,175	1,114	41.8	39.3	342	335
Husband	947	857	33.7	30.2	376	375
Wife	188	181	6.7	6.4	289	289
Two or more earners	1,633	1,723	58.2	60.7	749	738
Husband and wife only	990	1,067	35.3	37.6	720	727
Families maintained by women	752	784	100.0	100.0	362	335
One earner	509	548	67.7	69.9	290	262
Two or more earners	243	236	32.3	30.1	525	626
Families maintained by men	360	360	100.0	100.0	462	457
One earner	178	193	49.6	53.7	324	315
Two or more earners	181	167	50.4	46.3	567	688

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 7. Families with unemployed members and wage and salary earners by type of family and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	III 1992	III 1993	III 1992	III 1993	III 1992	III 1993
Families with unemployment and wage and salary earners[1]	4,300	3,921	—	—	$487	$506
Married-couple families	3,299	3,020	100.0	100.0	518	567
Husband unemployed	1,115	943	33.8	31.2	361	372
Wife only earner	814	693	24.7	22.9	316	318
Wife and other earner(s)	210	180	6.4	6.0	631	669
Other earners only	91	70	2.8	2.3	([2])	([2])
Wife unemployed	1,122	1,051	34.0	34.8	524	568
Husband only earner	905	846	27.4	28.0	488	522
Husband and other earner(s)	205	178	6.2	5.9	860	847
Other earners only	11	27	.3	.9	([2])	([2])
Other members unemployed	1,062	1,026	32.2	34.0	776	863
Husband or wife earners	453	407	13.7	13.5	520	519
Both husband and wife earners	569	595	17.2	19.7	968	1,058
Other combinations of earners	41	24	1.2	.8	([2])	([2])
Families maintained by women[1]	754	701	100.0	100.0	331	337
Householder unemployed	159	144	21.1	20.6	229	176
Other member(s) unemployed	595	557	78.9	79.4	362	379
Families maintained by men[1]	247	199	100.0	100.0	463	485
Householder unemployed	65	41	26.4	20.8	([2])	([2])
Other member(s) unemployed	182	158	73.6	79.2	480	537

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

[2] Data not shown where base is less than 100,000.

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EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES: SECOND QUARTER 1993

The number of families with at least one employed member increased by 437,000 over the year ending with the second quarter of 1993 to 54.0 million, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the same time span, the number of families with jobless members declined by 383,000 to 6.3 million.

Median earnings of families with wage and salary workers rose by 2.0 percent over the year to $701 a week in the second quarter of 1993. Over the same period, there was a 3.1 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). Other second-quarter-1993 highlights were:

—About 80 percent of all families had at least one employed member. This proportion has remained unchanged for the past 2 years. (See tables A and 1.)

—Among all families with unemployment, about 70 percent also had at least one employed member. For married-couple families, the proportion with at least one working member was about 80 percent. By contrast, only about 46 percent of families with unemployment that were maintained by women also had employed members. (See tables A and 3.)

—Of the 33 million families with children under age 18, about 2.4 million had at least one unemployed parent. This was somewhat smaller than a year earlier. (See table 4.)

—Median weekly earnings of married-couple families with wage and salary workers rose 2.4 percent over the year, reaching $798 in the second quarter of 1993. Nearly two-thirds of these families had two or more earners, for whom median earnings were $965 a week. Median earnings of families maintained by women ($382) remained about half those of married-couple families. Median earnings of white families ($733) continued to exceed by a large amount those of both Hispanic ($502) and black ($475) families. (See table 6.)

This release replaces USDL 93-276 issued on July 20, to correct for errors that were subsequently found in the data in tables 6 and 7 and in the descriptive statements.

Table A. Summary labor force characteristics of families, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	II 1992	II 1993	Change
Total families	66,757	67,362	605
With employed member(s)	53,610	54,047	437
Percent of total families	80.3	80.2	-.1
With member(s) employed full time	49,916	50,140	224
Percent of total families	74.8	74.4	-.4
With unemployed member(s)	6,667	6,284	-383
Percent with employed member(s)	70.5	71.0	.5
Percent of total families	10.0	9.3	-.7
With unemployed member(s), none employed	1,964	1,823	-141
Percent of total families	2.9	2.7	-.2
With no members in labor force	11,184	11,492	308
Percent with all members 60 years and over	60.4	59.3	-1.1
Percent of total families	16.8	17.1	.3
With children under 18 years old	32,568	32,986	418
Percent with employed parent(s)	87.5	87.4	-.1
Percent with employed mother	61.1	61.3	.2
Percent of total families	48.8	49.0	.2
With children under 6 years old	15,184	15,381	197
Percent with employed parent(s)	85.4	85.2	-.2
Percent with employed mother	53.5	53.3	-.2
Percent of total families	22.7	22.8	.1

Explanatory Note

The estimates in this release were obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), which provides basic information on the labor force, employment, and unemployment. The survey is conducted monthly for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by the Bureau of the Census from a scientifically selected national sample of about 60,000 households, with coverage in all 50 States and the District of Columbia. The earnings data are collected from one-quarter of the CPS monthly sample and are limited to wages and salaries. The data, therefore, exclude self-employment income.

Information in this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: 202-606-STAT; TDD phone: 202-606-5897; TDD Message Referral Phone Number: 1-800-326-2577.

Reliability

In any sample survey, variations in the data can occur by chance because a sample, rather than the whole of the population, is surveyed. The standard error is a measure of such potential variation. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the survey differs from a figure that would be obtained from a complete census by less than one standard error. The chances are about 90 out of 100 that such a difference would be less than 1.6 standard errors. All statements of comparisons in the text of this release are significant at 1.6 or more standard errors.

Standard errors for numbers and proportions of families can be approximated using tables found in the Household Data section of the Explanatory Notes in *Employment and Earnings*. Representative standard errors for median family earnings are available from BLS upon request.

Definitions

The principal definitions used in this release are described briefly below.

Family. A family is a group of two or more persons residing together who are related by blood, marriage, or adoption. The count of families is for "primary" families only, that is, the householder and all other persons related to and residing with the householder. Not included are unrelated subfamilies. Families are classified either as married-couple families or families maintained by women or men without spouses.

Householder. A householder is the person in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented.

Employed. Employed persons are those who during the survey week: (a) Did any work at all as paid employees; (b) worked in their own business or profession or on their own farms; or (c) worked 15 hours or more as an unpaid worker in a family- operated enterprise. Also included are those who were temporarily absent from their jobs because of illness, vacation, bad weather, labor-management disputes, or personal reasons.

Unemployed. The unemployed are persons who had no employment during the survey week, were available for work at that time, and made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the prior 4 weeks. Persons laid off from their former jobs and awaiting recall and those expecting to report to a job within 30 days need not be looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

Wage and salary workers. Workers who receive wages, salaries, commissions, tips, payment in kind, or piece rates. Persons who report themselves as self-employed, including those whose businesses are incorporated, are excluded from coverage in these earnings data.

Usual weekly earnings. Data on usual weekly earnings are provided from responses to the question, "How much does...USUALLY earn per week at this job before deductions? Include any overtime pay, commissions, or tips usually received." The response is for the worker's sole or principal job, and the term "usual" is as perceived by the respondent. If the respondent asks for a definition of "usual," interviewers are instructed to define the term as more than half the weeks worked during the past 4 or 5 months.

Median weekly earnings. The median of weekly earnings is the value at which 50 percent of the earnings distribution lies above and 50 percent lies below. The estimating procedure places each reported earnings value into intervals which are centered around multiples of $50. The actual value is calculated through linear interpolation of the interval in which the median lies.

Over-the-year changes in the medians for component groups may not necessarily be consistent with the changes estimated for the overall median and therefore are not presented in this release. Circumstances under which this can occur include: (1) Even though medians of component groups may rise, if the lower-earnings group accounts for a sufficiently increased share of the total, the overall median can rise less than for any of the groups; and (2) survey observations tend to be clustered at rounded values, such as $250, $300, and $400, and an estimated median lying in a $50-wide centered interval containing such a cluster changes more slowly than one in non-clustered intervals. For example, if the medians for component groups are not in a cluster but the overall group median is, then the increase in the overall median will be less than for the components.

Table 1. Families by employment status of members, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	II 1992	II 1993	II 1992	II 1993
TOTAL				
Total families	66,757	67,362	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	11,184	11,492	16.8	17.1
With at least one member in the labor force	55,573	55,870	83.2	82.9
No member employed	1,964	1,823	2.9	2.7
Some member employed	53,610	54,047	80.3	80.2
No one unemployed	48,906	49,586	73.3	73.6
One or more employed full time	45,762	46,168	68.6	68.5
Some member unemployed	4,703	4,461	7.0	6.6
One or more employed full time	4,154	3,972	6.2	5.9
White				
Total families	56,957	57,196	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	9,331	9,489	16.4	16.6
With at least one member in the labor force	47,625	47,706	83.6	83.4
No member employed	1,345	1,207	2.4	2.1
Some member employed	46,281	46,499	81.3	81.3
No one unemployed	42,574	42,963	74.7	75.1
One or more employed full time	39,931	40,083	70.1	70.1
Some member unemployed	3,707	3,536	6.5	6.2
One or more employed full time	3,276	3,141	5.8	5.5
Black				
Total families	7,590	7,763	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	1,592	1,669	21.0	21.5
With at least one member in the labor force	5,997	6,094	79.0	78.5
No member employed	548	543	7.2	7.0
Some member employed	5,449	5,551	71.8	71.5
No one unemployed	4,653	4,825	61.3	62.2
One or more employed full time	4,242	4,398	55.9	56.7
Some member unemployed	796	726	10.5	9.4
One or more employed full time	703	655	9.3	8.4
Hispanic origin				
Total families	5,141	5,337	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	740	770	14.4	14.4
With at least one member in the labor force	4,401	4,567	85.6	85.6
No member employed	270	228	5.3	4.3
Some member employed	4,131	4,339	80.4	81.3
No one unemployed	3,610	3,810	70.2	71.4
One or more employed full time	3,381	3,514	65.8	65.8
Some member unemployed	521	529	10.1	9.9
One or more employed full time	461	464	9.0	8.7

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups

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Table 2. Families by employment status of members and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	II 1992	II 1993	II 1992	II 1993
Married-couple families	51,873	51,959	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	7,941	8,082	15.3	15.6
With at least one member in the labor force	43,932	43,877	84.7	84.4
No member employed	906	744	1.7	1.4
Some member employed	43,026	43,133	82.9	83.0
Husband only	10,629	10,651	20.5	20.5
Wife only	2,959	2,996	5.7	5.8
Husband and wife	25,882	25,982	49.9	50.0
Husband and wife only	21,006	21,209	40.5	40.8
Other combinations	3,556	3,504	6.9	6.7
Families maintained by women	11,626	12,102	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	2,894	3,025	24.9	25.0
With at least one member in the labor force	8,733	9,077	75.1	75.0
No member employed	869	869	7.5	7.2
Some member employed	7,864	8,208	67.6	67.8
Householder employed	6,524	6,806	56.1	56.2
Householder only	4,331	4,527	37.3	37.4
Householder and other(s)	2,193	2,279	18.9	18.8
Other combinations	1,340	1,403	11.5	11.6
Families maintained by men	3,258	3,302	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	349	386	10.7	11.7
With at least one member in the labor force	2,909	2,916	89.3	88.3
No member employed	189	211	5.8	6.4
Some member employed	2,720	2,705	83.5	81.9
Householder employed	2,355	2,381	72.3	72.1
Householder only	1,369	1,396	42.0	42.3
Householder and other(s)	987	985	30.3	29.8
Other combinations	364	324	11.2	9.8

Table 3. Families with unemployed members by type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	II 1992	II 1993	II 1992	II 1993
Families with unemployment	6,667	6,284	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	4,703	4,461	70.5	71.0
With no members employed	1,964	1,823	29.5	29.0
Married-couple families	4,575	4,225	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	3,669	3,481	80.2	82.4
With no members employed	906	744	19.8	17.6
With husband unemployed	1,883	1,687	41.2	39.9
Wife employed	1,141	1,060	24.9	25.1
Other(s) employed	97	90	2.1	2.1
No one employed	645	536	14.1	12.7
With wife unemployed	1,234	1,137	27.0	26.9
Husband employed	1,087	1,048	23.8	24.8
Other(s) employed	23	13	.5	.3
No one employed	124	76	2.7	1.8
With other member(s) unemployed	1,458	1,401	31.9	33.2
Families maintained by women	1,644	1,604	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	775	735	47.1	45.8
With no members employed	869	869	52.9	54.2
With householder unemployed	704	714	42.8	44.5
Other(s) employed	109	110	6.6	6.9
No one employed	595	605	36.2	37.7
With other member(s) unemployed	940	890	57.2	55.5
Families maintained by men	448	455	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	259	244	57.8	53.6
With no members employed	189	211	42.2	46.4
With householder unemployed	219	212	48.9	46.6
Other(s) employed	73	55	16.3	12.1
No one employed	145	157	32.4	34.5
With other member(s) unemployed	229	243	51.1	53.4

Table 4. Families with children under 18 years old by the employment status of parent(s) and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(In thousands)

Characteristic	II 1992			II 1993		
	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old
Total families	32,568	17,385	15,184	32,986	17,604	15,381
Married-couple families	24,189	12,483	11,706	24,176	12,562	11,614
With employed parent(s)	23,145	11,984	11,162	23,230	12,106	11,125
Neither unemployed	21,789	11,239	10,550	21,966	11,400	10,566
Father employed	6,739	2,702	4,036	6,829	2,730	4,099
Mother employed	532	346	186	604	413	191
Both employed	14,518	8,191	6,328	14,533	8,257	6,276
One unemployed	1,356	745	611	1,265	706	559
Father unemployed	663	386	278	641	385	256
Mother unemployed	693	359	333	624	321	303
With no employed parent	1,043	499	545	946	456	489
Father unemployed	370	120	250	303	116	187
Mother unemployed	47	29	18	35	19	16
Both unemployed	106	48	58	104	50	53
Neither in labor force	520	302	219	504	271	233
Families maintained by women	6,990	4,084	2,905	7,340	4,220	3,120
Mother employed	4,186	2,860	1,326	4,427	2,954	1,472
Mother not employed	2,804	1,224	1,580	2,913	1,266	1,648
Unemployed	600	318	282	583	267	316
Not in labor force	2,204	906	1,298	2,330	999	1,332
Families maintained by men	1,389	817	572	1,469	823	647
Father employed	1,169	693	475	1,182	670	512
Father not employed	221	124	96	287	153	134
Unemployed	110	51	59	129	52	77
Not in labor force	111	73	37	158	101	57
Total families with unemployed parents	2,589	1,311	1,278	2,419	1,210	1,208

Table 5. Employment status of persons in families by family relationship, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	II 1992					II 1993				
	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed			Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed		
			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)
TOTAL										
In families	151,605	67.1	7,495	7.4	69.2	152,225	66.8	7,051	6.9	69.7
In married-couple families	124,109	67.9	5,121	6.1	78.4	123,857	67.6	4,728	5.6	80.2
Husbands	51,873	77.9	1,883	4.7	65.7	51,959	77.4	1,687	4.2	68.2
Wives	51,873	59.5	1,401	4.5	80.9	51,959	59.5	1,292	4.2	84.0
Other family member(s)	20,363	63.7	1,837	14.2	89.5	19,939	63.2	1,749	13.9	89.2
In families maintained by women	21,171	61.1	1,863	14.4	47.3	22,074	61.1	1,839	13.6	47.0
Householder	11,626	62.2	704	9.7	15.4	12,102	62.1	714	9.5	15.3
Other family member(s)	9,545	59.7	1,159	20.3	66.6	9,972	59.8	1,125	18.9	67.0
In families maintained by men	6,325	71.8	511	11.2	56.4	6,295	71.0	483	10.8	53.0
Householder	3,258	79.0	219	8.5	33.6	3,302	78.5	212	8.2	25.8
Other family member(s)	3,067	64.2	292	14.8	73.6	2,993	62.8	271	14.4	74.3
White										
In families	129,182	67.7	5,554	6.4	72.0	129,276	67.4	5,205	6.0	73.0
In married-couple families	110,502	67.9	4,220	5.6	78.1	110,082	67.8	3,901	5.2	80.5
Husbands	46,697	77.9	1,600	4.4	65.3	46,679	77.5	1,407	3.9	68.0
Wives	46,663	58.8	1,178	4.3	81.0	46,689	59.0	1,097	4.0	84.6
Other family member(s)	17,142	65.4	1,442	12.9	89.9	16,714	65.0	1,397	12.9	90.1
In families maintained by women	13,796	63.5	963	11.0	51.8	14,361	63.5	961	10.5	48.5
Householder	7,680	63.6	377	7.7	20.6	7,919	63.9	384	7.6	20.1
Other family member(s)	6,116	63.5	586	15.1	71.8	6,442	63.0	577	14.2	67.4
In families maintained by men	4,884	73.9	371	10.3	55.5	4,833	72.3	343	9.8	56.3
Householder	2,569	81.4	169	8.1	33.3	2,568	80.4	155	7.5	28.7
Other family member(s)	2,315	65.6	202	13.3	74.5	2,265	63.1	188	13.2	79.0
Black										
In families	16,646	63.2	1,623	15.4	58.7	16,862	62.4	1,528	14.5	57.9
In married-couple families	8,973	68.6	686	11.1	79.2	8,948	66.7	602	10.1	78.9
Husbands	3,491	76.2	200	7.5	65.6	3,476	74.7	188	7.3	70.4
Wives	3,415	66.8	163	7.1	79.4	3,378	64.7	130	5.9	78.1
Other family member(s)	2,067	58.7	323	26.7	87.6	2,094	56.4	284	24.0	84.5
In families maintained by women	6,615	56.1	832	22.4	41.8	6,856	56.5	808	20.9	44.6
Householder	3,569	59.1	300	14.2	8.3	3,751	58.8	305	13.8	7.7
Other family member(s)	3,046	52.4	532	33.3	60.7	3,105	53.6	503	30.3	66.8
In families maintained by men	1,058	62.9	106	15.9	56.6	1,058	65.2	117	17.0	42.7
Householder	535	66.9	40	11.1	(1)	555	69.8	46	11.9	(1)
Other family member(s)	523	58.6	66	21.4	68.7	503	60.3	71	23.4	61.3
Hispanic origin										
In families	12,487	65.2	910	11.2	63.7	12,896	64.1	869	10.5	69.1
In married-couple families	9,261	66.7	641	10.4	69.1	9,600	66.4	618	9.7	78.2
Husbands	3,488	85.0	251	8.5	51.6	3,635	84.2	240	7.8	64.9
Wives	3,626	53.9	164	8.4	69.8	3,759	55.2	167	8.1	81.8
Other family member(s)	2,147	58.6	226	18.0	88.2	2,206	56.1	211	17.1	90.4
In families maintained by women	2,277	53.9	181	14.7	49.7	2,441	51.9	177	14.0	44.1
Householder	1,211	53.3	76	11.7	18.1	1,292	51.8	69	10.3	20.6
Other family member(s)	1,066	54.6	105	18.1	72.1	1,149	52.2	108	18.1	59.4
In families maintained by men	949	76.9	87	11.9	52.9	855	73.6	74	11.8	52.7
Householder	451	86.5	43	11.1	(1)	409	83.2	39	11.4	(1)
Other family member(s)	498	68.3	44	13.0	(1)	446	64.7	35	12.2	(1)

[1] Data not shown where base is less than 60,000.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	II 1992	II 1993	II 1992	II 1993	II 1992	II 1993
TOTAL						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	44,107	44,454	100.0	100.0	$687	$701
One earner	18,905	19,335	42.9	43.5	402	412
Two or more earners	25,202	25,118	57.1	56.5	906	926
Married-couple families	34,390	34,284	100.0	100.0	779	798
One earner	12,272	12,379	35.7	36.1	475	483
Husband	8,783	8,781	25.5	25.6	544	578
Wife	2,726	2,876	7.9	8.4	287	313
Other family member	764	722	2.2	2.1	268	293
Two or more earners	22,118	21,905	64.3	63.9	941	965
Husband and wife only	16,267	16,238	47.3	47.4	905	938
Husband, wife, and other family member(s)	3,563	3,505	10.4	10.2	1,192	1,196
Husband and other family member(s)	1,612	1,424	4.7	4.2	878	845
Wife and other family member(s)	528	594	1.5	1.7	623	594
Other family members only	148	145	.4	.4	663	607
Families maintained by women	7,469	7,822	100.0	100.0	380	382
One earner	5,233	5,481	70.1	70.1	303	304
Householder	4,258	4,485	57.0	57.3	312	309
Other family member	975	996	13.1	12.7	264	267
Two or more earners	2,235	2,341	29.9	29.9	625	635
Families maintained by men	2,249	2,348	100.0	100.0	521	516
One earner	1,400	1,475	62.3	62.8	410	407
Householder	1,140	1,218	50.7	51.9	431	433
Other family member	260	257	11.6	10.9	312	287
Two or more earners	848	873	37.7	37.2	764	802
White						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	37,394	37,568	100.0	100.0	711	733
One earner	15,550	15,762	41.6	42.0	429	445
Two or more earners	21,844	21,806	58.4	58.0	917	942
Married-couple families	30,511	30,374	100.0	100.0	787	809
One earner	10,980	10,970	36.0	36.1	483	494
Husband	7,977	7,864	26.1	25.9	556	592
Wife	2,333	2,491	7.6	8.2	287	313
Two or more earners	19,531	19,404	64.0	63.9	949	974
Husband and wife only	14,460	14,499	47.4	47.7	912	948
Families maintained by women	5,173	5,378	100.0	100.0	409	409
One earner	3,518	3,648	68.0	67.8	321	319
Two or more earners	1,655	1,730	32.0	32.2	632	635
Families maintained by men	1,709	1,815	100.0	100.0	552	541
One earner	1,052	1,144	61.6	63.0	442	448
Two or more earners	657	671	38.4	37.0	748	799
Black						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	5,132	5,292	100.0	100.0	476	475
One earner	2,694	2,870	52.5	54.2	290	295
Two or more earners	2,439	2,422	47.5	45.8	781	775
Married-couple families	2,684	2,706	100.0	100.0	676	665
One earner	856	933	31.9	34.5	315	346
Husband	496	573	18.5	21.2	364	381
Wife	294	283	10.9	10.5	286	327
Two or more earners	1,828	1,774	68.1	65.5	850	828
Husband and wife only	1,301	1,260	48.5	46.5	813	806
Families maintained by women	2,038	2,178	100.0	100.0	320	321
One earner	1,544	1,667	75.8	76.5	262	273
Two or more earners	494	511	24.2	23.5	594	613
Families maintained by men	411	408	100.0	100.0	403	405
One earner	294	271	71.6	66.4	331	294
Two or more earners	117	137	28.4	33.6	819	792

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	II 1992	II 1993	II 1992	II 1993	II 1992	II 1993
Hispanic origin						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	3,593	3,863	100.0	100.0	$503	$502
One earner	1,646	1,876	45.8	48.6	313	326
Two or more earners	1,947	1,988	54.2	51.4	710	694
Married-couple families	2,594	2,845	100.0	100.0	565	565
One earner	1,046	1,238	40.3	43.5	336	357
Husband	806	911	31.1	32.0	361	385
Wife	171	241	6.6	8.5	260	261
Two or more earners	1,548	1,606	59.7	56.5	747	725
Husband and wife only	978	1,056	37.7	37.1	716	718
Families maintained by women	680	721	100.0	100.0	343	344
One earner	444	491	65.4	68.1	267	268
Two or more earners	235	230	34.6	31.9	558	533
Families maintained by men	318	298	100.0	100.0	488	416
One earner	155	147	48.8	49.3	301	294
Two or more earners	163	151	51.2	50.7	635	530

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 7. Families with unemployed members and wage and salary earners by type of family and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	II 1992	II 1993	II 1992	II 1993	II 1992	II 1993
Families with unemployment and wage and salary earners[1]	4,221	4,092	--	--	$457	$498
Married-couple families	3,240	3,136	100.0	100.0	497	528
Husband unemployed	1,158	1,116	35.7	35.6	301	355
Wife only earner	948	888	29.3	28.3	284	333
Wife and other earner(s)	130	142	4.0	4.5	595	613
Other earners only	80	86	2.5	2.7	([2])	([2])
Wife unemployed	1,019	951	31.4	30.3	490	526
Husband only earner	829	780	25.6	24.9	452	483
Husband and other earner(s)	166	153	5.1	4.9	771	816
Other earners only	24	18	.8	.6	([2])	([2])
Other members unemployed	1,063	1,069	32.8	34.1	804	819
Husband or wife earners	378	371	11.7	11.8	530	506
Both husband and wife earners	640	662	19.7	21.1	991	994
Other combinations of earners	45	36	1.4	1.1	([2])	([2])
Families maintained by women[1]	771	743	100.0	100.0	359	395
Householder unemployed	95	106	12.3	14.2	([2])	211
Other member(s) unemployed	676	637	87.7	85.8	376	414
Families maintained by men[1]	210	214	100.0	100.0	412	432
Householder unemployed	66	47	31.4	22.2	([2])	([2])
Other member(s) unemployed	144	166	68.6	77.8	451	487

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

[2] Data not shown where base is less than 100,000.

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EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES: FIRST QUARTER 1993

The number of families with unemployed members fell by 224,000 over the year ended in the first quarter of 1993, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. At 6.7 million, however, the number of such families remained well above prerecession levels.

Median wage and salary earnings of families rose by 2.1 percent over the year to $694 a week. This was less than the 3.2 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). Other first- quarter-1993 highlights were:

—The number of families with at least one jobholder grew by 576,000 over the year to 53.5 million. Almost all of the gain was among families with at least one member employed full time. Black families continue to be less likely to have a member employed full time than either white or Hispanic families. (See tables A and 1.)

—The 6.7 million families with one or more unemployed members comprised about 10 percent of all families. In about 70 percent of these families, there were also one or more jobholders. Among the married-couple families with unemployed members, about 80 percent had at least one working member. By comparison, a little over 40 percent of the families with unemployment that were maintained by women had a member with a job. (See tables A and 3.)

—Among the families with children, there were 2.7 million with an unemployed parent, 80,000 fewer than a year earlier. Such families comprised 8.4 percent of all families with children, well above the prerecession proportion of 6.3 percent. (See table 4.)

—Median weekly earnings of married-couple families with wage and salary workers rose 2.7 percent over the year to $790. For the two-thirds of these families that had two or more earners, median family earnings were $961 a week. For families maintained by women, which are less likely to have more than one member working, median earnings were only about half as large ($394). Median earnings of white families ($724) continued to exceed those for Hispanic families ($498) and black families ($484). (See table 6.)

Table A. Summary labor force characteristics of families, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	I 1992	I 1993	Change
Total families	66,372	67,095	723
With employed member(s)	52,887	53,463	576
Percent of total families	79.7	79.7	.0
With member(s) employed full time	49,000	49,527	527
Percent of total families	73.8	73.8	.0
With unemployed member(s)	6,956	6,732	-224
Percent with employed member(s)	69.6	68.6	-1.0
Percent of total families	10.5	10.0	-.5
With unemployed member(s), none employed	2,116	2,113	-3
Percent of total families	3.2	3.1	-.1
With no members in labor force	11,369	11,518	149
Percent with all members 60 years and over	59.4	59.5	.1
Percent of total families	17.1	17.2	.1
With children under 18 years old	32,149	32,526	377
Percent with employed parent(s)	86.6	87.0	.4
Percent with employed mother	60.8	61.0	.2
Percent of total families	48.4	48.5	.1
With children under 6 years old	14,936	15,114	178
Percent with employed parent(s)	83.8	84.9	1.1
Percent with employed mother	52.4	52.9	.5
Percent of total families	22.5	22.5	.0

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Explanatory Note

The estimates in this release were obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), which provides basic information on the labor force, employment, and unemployment. The survey is conducted monthly for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by the Bureau of the Census from a scientifically selected national sample of about 60,000 households, with coverage in all 50 States and the District of Columbia. The earnings data are collected from one-quarter of the CPS monthly sample and are limited to wages and salaries. The data, therefore, exclude self-employment income.

Information in this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: 202-606-STAT; TDD phone: 202-606-5897; TDD Message Referral Phone Number: 1-800-326-2577.

Reliability

In any sample survey, variations in the data can occur by chance because a sample, rather than the whole of the population, is surveyed. The standard error is a measure of such potential variation. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the survey differs from a figure that would be obtained from a complete census by less than one standard error. The chances are about 90 out of 100 that such a difference would be less than 1.6 standard errors. All statements of comparisons in the text of this release are significant at 1.6 or more standard errors.

Standard errors for numbers and proportions of families can be approximated using tables found in the Household Data section of the Explanatory Notes in *Employment and Earnings*. Representative standard errors for median family earnings are available from BLS upon request.

Definitions

The principal definitions used in this release are described briefly below.

Family. A family is a group of two or more persons residing together who are related by blood, marriage, or adoption. The count of families is for "primary" families only, that is, the householder and all other persons related to and residing with the householder. Not included are unrelated subfamilies. Families are classified either as married-couple families or families maintained by women or men without spouses.

Householder. A householder is the person in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented.

Employed. Employed persons are those who during the survey week: (a) Did any work at all as paid employees; (b) worked in their own business or profession or on their own farms; or (c) worked 15 hours or more as an unpaid worker in a family- operated enterprise. Also included are those who were temporarily absent from their jobs because of illness, vacation, bad weather, labor-management disputes, or personal reasons.

Unemployed. The unemployed are persons who had no employment during the survey week, were available for work at that time, and made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the prior 4 weeks. Persons laid off from their former jobs and awaiting recall and those expecting to report to a job within 30 days need not be looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

Wage and salary workers. Workers who receive wages, salaries, commissions, tips, payment in kind, or piece rates. Persons who report themselves as self-employed, including those whose businesses are incorporated, are excluded from coverage in these earnings data.

Usual weekly earnings. Data on usual weekly earnings are provided from responses to the question, "How much does...USUALLY earn per week at this job before deductions? Include any overtime pay, commissions, or tips usually received." The response is for the worker's sole or principal job, and the term "usual" is as perceived by the respondent. If the respondent asks for a definition of "usual," interviewers are instructed to define the term as more than half the weeks worked during the past 4 or 5 months.

Median weekly earnings. The median of weekly earnings is the value at which 50 percent of the earnings distribution lies above and 50 percent lies below. The estimating procedure places each reported earnings value into intervals which are centered around multiples of $50. The actual value is calculated through linear interpolation of the interval in which the median lies.

Over-the-year changes in the medians for component groups may not necessarily be consistent with the changes estimated for the overall median and therefore are not presented in this release. Circumstances under which this can occur include: (1) Even though medians of component groups may rise, if the lower-earnings group accounts for a sufficiently increased share of the total, the overall median can rise less than for any of the groups; and (2) survey observations tend to be clustered at rounded values, such as $250, $300, and $400, and an estimated median lying in a $50-wide centered interval containing such a cluster changes more slowly than one in non-clustered intervals. For example, if the medians for component groups are not in a cluster but the overall group median is, then the increase in the overall median will be less than for the components.

Table 1. Families by employment status of members, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	I 1992	I 1993	I 1992	I 1993
TOTAL				
Total families	66,372	67,095	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	11,369	11,518	17.1	17.2
With at least one member in the labor force	55,002	55,576	82.9	82.8
No member employed	2,116	2,113	3.2	3.1
Some member employed	52,887	53,463	79.7	79.7
No one unemployed	48,047	48,844	72.4	72.8
One or more employed full time	44,786	45,498	67.5	67.8
Some member unemployed	4,840	4,619	7.3	6.9
One or more employed full time	4,214	4,029	6.3	6.0
White				
Total families	56,584	57,010	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	9,430	9,509	16.7	16.7
With at least one member in the labor force	47,154	47,500	83.3	83.3
No member employed	1,510	1,484	2.7	2.6
Some member employed	45,644	46,016	80.7	80.7
No one unemployed	41,728	42,316	73.7	74.2
One or more employed full time	39,020	39,515	69.0	69.3
Some member unemployed	3,915	3,699	6.9	6.5
One or more employed full time	3,426	3,229	6.1	5.7
Black				
Total families	7,604	7,747	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	1,662	1,698	21.9	21.9
With at least one member in the labor force	5,941	6,049	78.1	78.1
No member employed	525	548	6.9	7.1
Some member employed	5,416	5,501	71.2	71.0
No one unemployed	4,656	4,785	61.2	61.8
One or more employed full time	4,210	4,351	55.4	56.2
Some member unemployed	760	715	10.0	9.2
One or more employed full time	652	621	8.6	8.0
Hispanic origin				
Total families	5,099	5,236	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	763	733	15.0	14.0
With at least one member in the labor force	4,336	4,503	85.0	86.0
No member employed	288	283	5.6	5.4
Some member employed	4,048	4,219	79.4	80.6
No one unemployed	3,490	3,634	68.4	69.4
One or more employed full time	3,247	3,365	63.7	64.3
Some member unemployed	558	585	10.9	11.2
One or more employed full time	482	518	9.5	9.9

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 2. Families by employment status of members and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	I 1992	I 1993	I 1992	I 1993
Married-couple families	51,402	52,036	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	7,945	8,140	15.5	15.6
With at least one member in the labor force	43,457	43,896	84.5	84.4
No member employed	1,060	972	2.1	1.9
Some member employed	42,397	42,924	82.5	82.5
Husband only	10,504	10,605	20.4	20.4
Wife only	3,141	3,231	6.1	6.2
Husband and wife	25,143	25,607	48.9	49.2
Husband and wife only	20,690	21,146	40.3	40.6
Other combinations	3,609	3,481	7.0	6.7
Families maintained by women	11,788	11,876	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	3,056	3,006	25.9	25.3
With at least one member in the labor force	8,733	8,870	74.1	74.7
No member employed	828	897	7.0	7.6
Some member employed	7,905	7,974	67.1	67.1
Householder employed	6,556	6,645	55.6	56.0
Householder only	4,411	4,445	37.4	37.4
Householder and other(s)	2,145	2,200	18.2	18.5
Other combinations	1,349	1,329	11.4	11.2
Families maintained by men	3,181	3,183	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	369	372	11.6	11.7
With at least one member in the labor force	2,812	2,810	88.4	88.3
No member employed	227	245	7.1	7.7
Some member employed	2,585	2,566	81.3	80.6
Householder employed	2,220	2,178	69.8	68.4
Householder only	1,322	1,315	41.6	41.3
Householder and other(s)	898	863	28.2	27.1
Other combinations	365	387	11.5	12.2

Table 3. Families with unemployed members by type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	I 1992	I 1993	I 1992	I 1993
Families with unemployment	6,956	6,732	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	4,840	4,619	69.6	68.6
With no members employed	2,116	2,113	30.4	31.4
Married-couple families	4,887	4,653	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	3,827	3,681	78.3	79.1
With no members employed	1,060	972	21.7	20.9
With husband unemployed	2,219	2,070	45.4	44.5
Wife employed	1,346	1,253	27.5	26.9
Other(s) employed	96	102	2.0	2.2
No one employed	777	715	15.9	15.4
With wife unemployed	1,252	1,219	25.6	26.2
Husband employed	1,105	1,118	22.6	24.0
Other(s) employed	18	14	.4	.3
No one employed	130	87	2.7	1.9
With other member(s) unemployed	1,416	1,364	29.0	29.3
Families maintained by women	1,577	1,574	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	749	677	47.5	43.0
With no members employed	828	897	52.5	57.0
With householder unemployed	687	728	43.6	46.3
Other(s) employed	113	103	7.2	6.5
No one employed	574	625	36.4	39.7
With other member(s) unemployed	890	846	56.4	53.7
Families maintained by men	491	505	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	264	261	53.8	51.7
With no members employed	227	245	46.2	48.5
With householder unemployed	253	280	51.5	55.4
Other(s) employed	71	85	14.5	16.8
No one employed	183	195	37.3	38.6
With other member(s) unemployed	238	225	48.5	44.6

Table 4. Families with children under 18 years old by the employment status of parent(s) and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(In thousands)

Characteristic	I 1992			I 1993		
	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old
Total families	32,149	17,212	14,936	32,526	17,412	15,114
Married-couple families	23,720	12,300	11,420	23,932	12,392	11,541
With employed parent(s)	22,540	11,787	10,752	22,835	11,887	10,951
Neither unemployed	21,081	11,014	10,068	21,420	11,132	10,289
Father employed	6,530	2,606	3,925	6,639	2,637	4,002
Mother employed	536	331	205	643	425	219
Both employed	14,015	8,077	5,938	14,138	8,070	6,068
One unemployed	1,459	774	684	1,415	754	661
Father unemployed	784	440	343	731	426	306
Mother unemployed	675	334	341	684	328	355
With no employed parent	1,179	512	668	1,097	506	591
Father unemployed	431	116	315	403	125	278
Mother unemployed	60	37	24	43	25	17
Both unemployed	146	66	79	111	52	60
Neither in labor force	542	293	250	540	304	236
Families maintained by women	7,060	4,093	2,967	7,178	4,211	2,967
Mother employed	4,212	2,871	1,341	4,344	2,937	1,407
Mother not employed	2,849	1,222	1,626	2,834	1,274	1,560
Unemployed	566	298	268	594	298	296
Not in labor force	2,283	924	1,358	2,240	976	1,264
Families maintained by men	1,369	820	549	1,415	809	606
Father employed	1,092	673	419	1,113	643	469
Father not employed	277	146	130	303	166	136
Unemployed	140	64	76	155	77	78
Not in labor force	137	82	54	148	89	58
Total families with unemployed parents	2,802	1,355	1,446	2,721	1,331	1,390

Table 5. Employment status of persons in families by family relationship, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	I 1992					I 1993				
	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed			Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed		
			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)
TOTAL										
In families	150,804	66.1	7,796	7.8	67.9	152,098	66.0	7,571	7.5	66.7
In married-couple families	123,244	67.1	5,486	6.6	75.7	124,282	66.9	5,238	6.3	76.5
Husbands	51,402	77.5	2,219	5.6	65.0	52,036	77.0	2,070	5.2	65.4
Wives	51,402	59.2	1,469	4.8	77.7	52,036	59.5	1,420	4.6	81.0
Other family member(s)	20,440	60.7	1,798	14.5	87.5	20,210	60.3	1,748	14.3	85.9
In families maintained by women	21,405	59.2	1,761	13.9	48.1	21,729	59.6	1,770	13.7	43.5
Householder	11,788	61.4	687	9.5	16.5	11,876	62.1	728	9.9	14.1
Other family member(s)	9,617	56.5	1,074	19.8	68.3	9,853	56.6	1,042	18.7	64.0
In families maintained by men	6,155	70.0	549	12.7	52.6	6,088	69.7	563	13.3	49.2
Householder	3,181	77.8	253	10.2	28.0	3,183	77.2	280	11.4	30.3
Other family member(s)	2,974	61.7	296	16.1	73.8	2,905	61.5	283	15.8	67.8
White										
In families	128,593	66.7	5,987	7.0	70.3	129,176	66.7	5,726	6.6	69.2
In married-couple families	109,812	67.2	4,629	6.3	75.9	110,301	67.1	4,291	5.8	76.6
Husbands	46,282	77.5	1,907	5.3	65.1	46,676	77.1	1,743	4.8	65.6
Wives	46,240	58.7	1,258	4.6	78.7	46,666	59.0	1,175	4.3	81.8
Other family member(s)	17,290	62.3	1,464	13.6	87.5	16,959	61.6	1,373	13.1	86.3
In families maintained by women	14,039	61.9	946	10.9	50.4	14,278	62.5	1,040	11.7	46.2
Householder	7,802	63.1	375	7.6	21.2	7,855	63.6	417	8.3	17.2
Other family member(s)	6,237	60.3	571	15.2	69.6	6,423	61.2	623	15.8	65.5
In families maintained by men	4,742	71.3	413	12.2	52.8	4,597	71.0	396	12.1	48.5
Householder	2,478	79.6	198	10.0	29.4	2,454	79.2	197	10.1	30.1
Other family member(s)	2,264	62.2	215	15.2	74.7	2,143	61.5	199	15.1	66.9
Black										
In families	16,590	61.7	1,515	14.8	58.7	16,944	61.1	1,519	14.7	56.6
In married-couple families	8,926	67.2	666	11.1	75.5	9,158	66.3	710	11.7	74.6
Husbands	3,460	75.8	236	9.0	64.6	3,567	74.1	227	8.6	63.9
Wives	3,376	65.8	156	7.0	72.0	3,456	64.6	183	8.2	73.9
Other family member(s)	2,090	55.3	274	23.7	87.3	2,135	55.9	300	25.2	83.4
In families maintained by women	6,611	53.6	744	21.0	44.5	6,671	53.4	677	19.0	39.3
Householder	3,594	57.7	285	13.8	8.8	3,620	58.5	284	13.4	8.7
Other family member(s)	3,017	48.8	459	31.2	66.7	3,051	47.4	393	27.2	61.2
In families maintained by men	1,053	65.3	105	15.3	50.5	1,115	63.9	131	18.4	48.1
Householder	559	69.4	41	10.7	([1])	575	67.4	68	17.6	29.6
Other family member(s)	494	60.8	64	21.2	68.1	540	60.3	63	19.4	68.5
Hispanic origin										
In families	12,476	64.5	973	12.1	64.3	12,692	64.0	1,023	12.6	65.4
In married-couple families	9,145	66.5	656	10.8	68.9	9,438	65.7	703	11.3	73.1
Husbands	3,454	83.9	277	9.6	51.4	3,579	84.1	278	9.2	55.5
Wives	3,505	53.1	170	9.1	75.3	3,690	52.1	189	9.8	79.7
Other family member(s)	2,186	60.6	209	15.8	87.4	2,169	58.5	236	18.6	88.6
In families maintained by women	2,426	53.6	214	16.4	50.9	2,389	53.9	216	16.8	48.6
Householder	1,262	52.5	81	12.2	21.4	1,241	55.2	86	12.6	26.9
Other family member(s)	1,164	54.8	133	20.8	68.9	1,148	52.5	130	21.5	62.9
In families maintained by men	905	72.6	105	16.0	61.9	865	73.3	104	16.4	48.1
Householder	415	83.3	44	12.6	([1])	426	83.0	50	14.2	([1])
Other family member(s)	490	63.3	61	19.6	80.9	439	63.9	54	19.1	([1])

[1] Data not shown where base is less than 60,000.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	I 1992	I 1993	I 1992	I 1993	I 1992	I 1993
TOTAL						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	43,668	43,758	100.0	100.0	$680	$694
One earner	18,860	18,928	43.2	43.3	402	407
Two or more earners	24,808	24,830	56.8	56.7	899	923
Married-couple families	34,011	34,220	100.0	100.0	769	790
One earner	12,099	12,239	35.6	35.8	464	470
Husband	8,416	8,412	24.7	24.6	556	546
Wife	2,955	3,013	8.7	8.8	291	317
Other family member	728	814	2.1	2.4	287	291
Two or more earners	21,913	21,981	64.4	64.2	930	961
Husband and wife only	16,084	16,306	47.3	47.6	909	934
Husband, wife, and other family member(s)	3,389	3,346	10.0	9.8	1,190	1,202
Husband and other family member(s)	1,610	1,517	4.7	4.4	809	855
Wife and other family member(s)	632	609	1.9	1.8	592	609
Other family members only	198	204	.6	.6	643	579
Families maintained by women	7,455	7,428	100.0	100.0	389	394
One earner	5,348	5,246	71.7	70.6	309	308
Householder	4,273	4,225	57.3	56.9	320	310
Other family member	1,075	1,021	14.4	13.7	266	294
Two or more earners	2,107	2,182	28.3	29.4	639	643
Families maintained by men	2,202	2,110	100.0	100.0	508	499
One earner	1,413	1,443	64.2	68.4	405	422
Householder	1,164	1,139	52.9	54.0	430	469
Other family member	249	304	11.3	14.4	277	265
Two or more earners	789	667	35.8	31.6	731	673
White						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	37,076	36,907	100.0	100.0	710	724
One earner	15,567	15,434	42.0	41.8	425	431
Two or more earners	21,510	21,473	58.0	58.2	917	942
Married-couple families	30,137	30,145	100.0	100.0	783	804
One earner	10,774	10,738	35.8	35.6	480	483
Husband	7,605	7,496	25.2	24.9	571	568
Wife	2,551	2,554	8.5	8.5	296	317
Two or more earners	19,363	19,407	64.2	64.4	943	971
Husband and wife only	14,255	14,538	47.3	48.2	922	944
Families maintained by women	5,182	5,164	100.0	100.0	410	414
One earner	3,641	3,557	70.3	68.9	325	327
Two or more earners	1,541	1,607	29.7	31.1	645	668
Families maintained by men	1,757	1,598	100.0	100.0	522	517
One earner	1,151	1,139	65.5	71.3	420	453
Two or more earners	606	459	34.5	28.7	770	682
Black						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	5,081	5,137	100.0	100.0	481	484
One earner	2,619	2,766	51.5	53.8	286	296
Two or more earners	2,463	2,371	48.5	46.2	743	768
Married-couple families	2,700	2,723	100.0	100.0	641	650
One earner	877	988	32.5	36.3	303	340
Husband	472	568	17.5	20.8	356	377
Wife	327	325	12.1	11.9	265	302
Two or more earners	1,823	1,735	67.5	63.7	782	836
Husband and wife only	1,309	1,230	48.5	45.2	763	819
Families maintained by women	2,010	1,994	100.0	100.0	324	321
One earner	1,526	1,518	75.9	76.1	274	279
Two or more earners	484	476	24.1	23.9	627	578
Families maintained by men	372	419	100.0	100.0	446	408
One earner	216	260	58.0	62.1	327	303
Two or more earners	156	159	42.0	37.9	630	589

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	I 1992	I 1993	I 1992	I 1993	I 1992	I 1993
Hispanic origin						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	3,676	3,765	100.0	100.0	$498	$498
One earner	1,717	1,827	46.7	48.5	311	314
Two or more earners	1,959	1,938	53.3	51.5	704	716
Married-couple families	2,652	2,711	100.0	100.0	564	572
One earner	1,046	1,139	39.4	42.0	347	333
Husband	800	888	30.2	32.8	388	359
Wife	154	162	5.8	6.0	241	276
Two or more earners	1,606	1,572	60.6	58.0	743	761
Husband and wife only	932	980	35.1	36.1	730	735
Families maintained by women	730	738	100.0	100.0	332	367
One earner	515	504	70.6	68.3	253	271
Two or more earners	214	234	29.4	31.7	579	556
Families maintained by men	295	316	100.0	100.0	419	422
One earner	156	184	52.9	58.2	321	308
Two or more earners	139	132	47.1	41.8	511	552

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 7. Families with unemployed members and wage and salary earners by type of family and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	I 1992	I 1993	I 1992	I 1993	I 1992	I 1993
Families with unemployment and wage and salary earners[1]	4,300	4,207	--	--	$445	$474
Married-couple families	3,319	3,338	100.0	100.0	484	511
Husband unemployed	1,374	1,282	41.4	38.4	308	356
Wife only earner	1,059	981	31.9	29.4	286	326
Wife and other earner(s)	221	199	6.7	5.9	609	521
Other earners only	94	102	2.8	3.1	([2])	210
Wife unemployed	927	1,007	27.9	30.2	518	529
Husband only earner	778	842	23.4	25.2	491	484
Husband and other earner(s)	132	155	4.0	4.7	727	762
Other earners only	17	10	.5	.3	([2])	([2])
Other members unemployed	1,018	1,049	30.7	31.4	777	784
Husband or wife earners	377	340	11.3	10.2	496	526
Both husband and wife earners	601	637	18.1	19.1	918	934
Other combinations of earners	40	72	1.2	2.1	([2])	([2])
Families maintained by women[1]	752	618	100.0	100.0	331	304
Householder unemployed	101	94	13.4	15.2	204	([2])
Other member(s) unemployed	651	524	86.6	84.8	355	317
Families maintained by men[1]	229	251	100.0	100.0	404	389
Householder unemployed	62	94	26.9	37.4	([2])	([2])
Other member(s) unemployed	167	157	73.1	62.6	423	501

[1] Data exclude familie in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

[2] Data not shown where base is less than 100,000.

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EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES: FOURTH QUARTER 1992

The number of families with at least one employed member grew by 516,000 in the year ended with the fourth quarter of 1992 to 53.7 million. Over the same period, the number of families with an unemployed member also rose, expanding by 283,000 to reach 6.2 million, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today.

Median weekly earnings of families with wage and salary workers were $690 a week in the fourth quarter of 1992, 2.1 percent higher than in the fourth quarter of 1991. Over the same period, there was a 3.0 percent rise in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). Other fourth-quarter 1992 highlights were:

---Approximately 49.8 million families--about three-fourths of the total--had at least one member employed full time. This was 334,000 more than a year earlier and the highest fourth-quarter level since 1989. Black families, continued to be less likely to have a member employed full time than either white or Hispanic families. (See tables A and 1.)

---The proportion of families with an unemployed member was 9.3 percent in the fourth quarter of 1992, up from 8.9 percent a year earlier. About 7 in 10 such families also had at least one employed member. Among the families with an unemployed member, married couples were much more likely than those maintained by women to have someone working--80 versus 44 percent. (See tables A and 3.)

---Among the 32.4 million families with children under 18, there were 2.5 million in which at least one parent was unemployed, 172,000 more than a year earlier. About three-fifths of this increase was among families with school-age children. (See table 4.)

---Median weekly earnings of married-couple families with wage and salary workers rose 2.6 percent over the year, reaching $783 in the fourth quarter of 1992. Nearly two-thirds of these families had two or more earners, and earnings of these families averaged $939 a week. Median earnings of families maintained by women not living with a spouse ($385) remained about half those of married-couple families. (See table 6.)

Annual averages for 1992

In addition to the data for the fourth quarter of 1992, this release presents three tables with 1991 and 1992 annual averages on family employment patterns and weekly earnings. (See tables 8 through 10.)

Table A. Summary labor force characteristics of families, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	IV 1991	IV 1992	Change
Total families	66,302	66,985	683
With employed member(s)	53,212	53,728	516
Percent of total families	80.3	80.2	-.1
With member(s) employed full time	49,512	49,846	334
Percent of total families	74.7	74.4	-.3
With unemployed member(s)	5,932	6,215	283
Percent with employed member(s)	70.6	69.2	-1.4
Percent of total families	8.9	9.3	.4
With unemployed member(s), none employed	1,745	1,912	167
Percent of total families	2.6	2.9	.3
With no members in labor force	11,345	11,345	0
Percent with all members 60 years and over	60.2	60.2	.0
Percent of total families	17.1	16.9	-.2
With children under 18 years old	32,176	32,411	235
Percent with employed parent(s)	87.3	87.5	.2
Percent with employed mother	61.4	61.7	.3
Percent of total families	48.5	48.4	-.1
With children under 6 year old	14,870	14,862	-8
Percent with employed parent(s)	84.9	85.7	.8
Percent with employed mother	53.1	53.6	.5
Percent of total families	22.4	22.2	-.2

Explanatory Note

The estimates in this release were obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), which provides basic information on the labor force, employment, and unemployment. The survey is conducted monthly for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by the Bureau of the Census from a scientifically selected national sample of about 60,000 households, with coverage in all 50 States and the District of Columbia. The earnings data are collected from one-quarter of the CPS monthly sample and are limited to wages and salaries. The data, therefore, exclude self-employment income.

Information in this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: 202-606-STAT; TDD phone: 202-606-5897; TDD Message Referral Phone Number: 1-800-326-2577.

Reliability

In any sample survey, variations in the data can occur by chance because a sample, rather than the whole of the population, is surveyed. The standard error is a measure of such potential variation. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the survey differs from a figure that would be obtained from a complete census by less than one standard error. The chances are about 90 out of 100 that such a difference would be less than 1.6 standard errors. All statements of comparisons in the text of this release are significant at 1.6 or more standard errors.

Standard errors for numbers and proportions of families can be approximated using tables found in the Household Data section of the Explanatory Notes in *Employment and Earnings*. Representative standard errors for median family earnings are available from BLS upon request.

Definitions

The principal definitions used in this release are described briefly below.

Family. A family is a group of two or more persons residing together who are related by blood, marriage, or adoption. The count of families is for "primary" families only, that is, the householder and all other persons related to and residing with the householder. Not included are unrelated subfamilies. Families are classified either as married-couple families or families maintained by women or men without spouses.

Householder. A householder is the person in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented.

Employed. Employed persons are those who during the survey week: (a) Did any work at all as paid employees; (b) worked in their own business or profession or on their own farms; or (c) worked 15 hours or more as an unpaid worker in a family-operated enterprise. Also included are those who were temporarily absent from their jobs because of illness, vacation, bad weather, labor-management disputes, or personal reasons.

Unemployed. The unemployed are persons who had no employment during the survey week, were available for work at that time, and made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the prior 4 weeks. Persons laid off from their former jobs and awaiting recall and those expecting to report to a job within 30 days need not be looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

Wage and salary workers. Workers who receive wages, salaries, commissions, tips, payment in kind, or piece rates. Persons who report themselves as self-employed, including those whose businesses are incorporated, are excluded from coverage in these earnings data.

Usual weekly earnings. Data on usual weekly earnings are provided from responses to the question, "How much does...USUALLY earn per week at this job before deductions? Include any overtime pay, commissions, or tips usually received." The response is for the worker's sole or principal job, and the term "usual" is as perceived by the respondent. If the respondent asks for a definition of "usual," interviewers are instructed to define the term as more than half the weeks worked during the past 4 or 5 months.

Median weekly earnings. The median of weekly earnings is the value at which 50 percent of the earnings distribution lies above and 50 percent lies below. The estimating procedure places each reported earnings value into intervals which are centered around multiples of $50. The actual value is calculated through linear interpolation of the interval in which the median lies.

Over-the-year changes in the medians for component groups may not necessarily be consistent with the changes estimated for the overall median and therefore are not presented in this release. Circumstances under which this can occur include: (1) Even though medians of component groups may rise, if the lower-earnings group accounts for a sufficiently increased share of the total, the overall median can rise less than for any of the groups; and (2) survey observations tend to be clustered at rounded values, such as $250, $300, and $400, and an estimated median lying in a $50-wide centered interval containing such a cluster changes more slowly than one in non-clustered intervals. For example, if the medians for component groups are not in a cluster but the overall group median is, then the increase in the overall median will be less than for the components.

Table 1. Families by employment status of members, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	IV 1991	IV 1992	IV 1991	IV 1992
TOTAL				
Total families	66,302	66,985	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	11,345	11,345	17.1	16.9
With at least one member in the labor force	54,957	55,640	82.9	83.1
No member employed	1,745	1,912	2.6	2.9
Some member employed	53,212	53,728	80.3	80.2
No one unemployed	49,025	49,425	73.9	73.8
One or more employed full time	45,795	46,067	69.1	68.8
Some member unemployed	4,187	4,303	6.3	6.4
One or more employed full time	3,717	3,779	5.6	5.6
White				
Total families	56,599	57,039	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	9,493	9,530	16.8	16.7
With at least one member in the labor force	47,106	47,509	83.2	83.3
No member employed	1,195	1,298	2.1	2.3
Some member employed	45,911	46,212	81.1	81.0
No one unemployed	42,563	42,873	75.2	75.2
One or more employed full time	39,881	40,085	70.5	70.3
Some member unemployed	3,348	3,339	5.9	5.9
One or more employed full time	2,976	2,948	5.3	5.2
Black				
Total families	7,507	7,658	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	1,578	1,549	21.0	20.2
With at least one member in the labor force	5,930	6,109	79.0	79.8
No member employed	475	552	6.3	7.2
Some member employed	5,454	5,557	72.7	72.6
No one unemployed	4,771	4,816	63.6	62.9
One or more employed full time	4,336	4,377	57.8	57.2
Some member unemployed	683	741	9.1	9.7
One or more employed full time	607	625	8.1	8.2
Hispanic origin				
Total families	5,064	5,239	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	801	732	15.8	14.0
With at least one member in the labor force	4,262	4,507	84.2	86.0
No member employed	214	287	4.2	5.5
Some member employed	4,049	4,219	80.0	80.5
No one unemployed	3,528	3,690	69.7	70.4
One or more employed full time	3,332	3,442	65.8	65.7
Some member unemployed	521	530	10.3	10.1
One or more employed full time	483	482	9.5	9.2

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 2. Families by employment status of members and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	IV 1991	IV 1992	IV 1991	IV 1992
Married-couple families	51,595	52,059	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	8,014	8,078	15.5	15.5
With at least one member in the labor force	43,581	43,982	84.5	84.5
No member employed	765	841	1.5	1.6
Some member employed	42,816	43,140	83.0	82.9
Husband only	10,613	10,532	20.6	20.2
Wife only	2,932	3,049	5.7	5.9
Husband and wife	25,671	26,005	49.8	50.0
Husband and wife only	20,967	21,413	40.6	41.1
Other combinations	3,600	3,554	7.0	6.8
Families maintained by women	11,699	11,733	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	2,956	2,898	25.3	24.7
With at least one member in the labor force	8,743	8,835	74.7	75.3
No member employed	798	872	6.8	7.4
Some member employed	7,945	7,963	67.9	67.9
Householder employed	6,553	6,643	56.0	56.6
Householder only	4,263	4,384	36.4	37.4
Householder and other(s)	2,290	2,258	19.6	19.2
Other combinations	1,392	1,320	11.9	11.3
Families maintained by men	3,009	3,193	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	376	370	12.5	11.6
With at least one member in the labor force	2,633	2,823	87.5	88.4
No member employed	182	198	6.0	6.2
Some member employed	2,451	2,625	81.5	82.2
Householder employed	2,075	2,236	69.0	70.0
Householder only	1,218	1,352	40.5	42.3
Householder and other(s)	856	884	28.4	27.7
Other combinations	377	389	12.5	12.2

Table 3. Families with unemployed members by type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	IV 1991	IV 1992	IV 1991	IV 1992
Families with unemployment	5,932	6,215	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	4,187	4,303	70.6	69.2
With no members employed	1,745	1,912	29.4	30.8
Married-couple families	4,069	4,245	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	3,304	3,403	81.2	80.2
With no members employed	765	841	18.8	19.8
With husband unemployed	1,640	1,780	40.3	41.9
Wife employed	1,007	1,082	24.7	25.5
Other(s) employed	87	90	2.1	2.1
No one employed	547	609	13.4	14.3
With wife unemployed	1,160	1,258	28.5	29.6
Husband employed	1,041	1,151	25.6	27.1
Other(s) employed	22	14	.5	.3
No one employed	97	93	2.4	2.2
With other member(s) unemployed	1,269	1,207	31.2	28.4
Families maintained by women	1,461	1,551	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	663	679	45.4	43.8
With no members employed	798	872	54.6	56.2
With householder unemployed	651	714	44.6	46.0
Other(s) employed	96	99	6.6	6.4
No one employed	555	615	38.0	39.7
With other member(s) unemployed	810	837	55.4	54.0
Families maintained by men	402	419	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	220	221	54.7	52.7
With no members employed	182	198	45.3	47.3
With householder unemployed	207	211	51.5	50.4
Other(s) employed	71	65	17.7	15.5
No one employed	137	146	34.1	34.8
With other member(s) unemployed	195	208	48.5	49.6

Table 4. Families with children under 18 years old by the employment status of parent(s) and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(In thousands)

Characteristic	IV 1991			IV 1992		
	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old
Total families	32,176	17,306	14,870	32,411	17,549	14,862
Married-couple families	23,850	12,407	11,442	23,849	12,455	11,394
With employed parent(s)	22,841	11,905	10,934	22,860	11,969	10,891
Neither unemployed	21,616	11,276	10,340	21,487	11,260	10,226
Father employed	6,662	2,643	4,020	6,475	2,539	3,936
Mother employed	551	360	191	579	390	189
Both employed	14,403	8,273	6,129	14,433	8,331	6,101
One unemployed	1,225	630	594	1,373	709	664
Father unemployed	562	323	238	633	356	277
Mother unemployed	663	307	356	740	353	387
With no employed parent	1,010	502	508	990	485	503
Father unemployed	329	110	219	339	126	213
Mother unemployed	52	36	16	41	26	14
Both unemployed	100	48	52	99	35	63
Neither in labor force	529	308	221	511	298	213
Families maintained by women	7,072	4,119	2,953	7,160	4,245	2,914
Mother employed	4,235	2,901	1,335	4,345	2,947	1,398
Mother not employed	2,837	1,218	1,618	2,815	1,298	1,517
Unemployed	549	275	274	587	309	278
Not in labor force	2,288	943	1,344	2,228	989	1,239
Families maintained by men	1,254	780	474	1,402	848	554
Father employed	1,005	644	361	1,148	706	441
Father not employed	249	137	113	254	142	113
Unemployed	117	59	58	105	54	51
Not in labor force	132	78	55	149	88	62
Total families with unemployed parents	2,372	1,158	1,213	2,544	1,259	1,283

Table 5. Employment status of persons in families by family relationship, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	IV 1991					IV 1992				
	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed			Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed		
			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)
TOTAL										
In families	150,653	66.3	6,566	6.6	69.0	151,970	66.4	6,964	6.9	67.9
In married-couple families	123,407	67.2	4,504	5.4	79.1	124,376	67.3	4,756	5.7	78.3
Husbands	51,595	77.4	1,640	4.1	66.7	52,059	77.3	1,780	4.4	65.8
Wives	51,595	59.2	1,315	4.3	82.9	52,059	59.8	1,402	4.5	84.4
Other family member(s)	20,217	61.6	1,549	12.4	89.2	20,258	61.1	1,574	12.7	86.8
In families maintained by women	21,439	60.0	1,626	12.6	45.1	21,427	60.6	1,749	13.5	44.0
Householder	11,699	61.6	651	9.0	14.7	11,733	62.7	714	9.7	13.9
Other family member(s)	9,740	58.1	975	17.2	65.5	9,694	58.0	1,035	18.4	64.8
In families maintained by men	5,809	69.3	436	10.8	53.7	6,166	69.1	460	10.8	51.7
Householder	3,009	75.8	207	9.1	34.1	3,193	76.6	211	8.6	30.6
Other family member(s)	2,800	62.4	229	13.1	71.3	2,973	61.0	249	13.7	69.3
White										
In families	128,507	66.9	4,967	5.8	72.0	129,226	67.0	5,089	5.9	70.4
In married-couple families	109,772	67.3	3,749	5.1	78.7	110,502	67.3	3,877	5.2	77.9
Husbands	46,356	77.4	1,413	3.9	65.9	46,754	77.3	1,498	4.1	65.2
Wives	46,379	58.7	1,114	4.1	83.1	46,751	59.2	1,169	4.2	84.9
Other family member(s)	17,037	63.2	1,222	11.3	89.4	16,997	62.4	1,210	11.4	87.0
In families maintained by women	14,212	63.0	887	9.9	49.8	14,020	63.2	892	10.1	44.3
Householder	7,863	63.3	343	6.9	20.3	7,807	63.9	376	7.5	16.4
Other family member(s)	6,349	62.5	544	13.7	68.6	6,213	62.3	516	13.3	64.6
In families maintained by men	4,523	69.8	331	10.5	55.9	4,704	69.9	320	9.7	51.9
Householder	2,356	76.3	163	9.1	34.5	2,469	77.9	146	7.6	30.7
Other family member(s)	2,167	62.8	168	12.4	76.8	2,235	61.1	174	12.8	69.3
Black										
In families	16,532	61.9	1,335	13.0	58.5	16,777	62.8	1,543	14.7	57.8
In married-couple families	9,067	67.0	582	9.6	84.0	9,043	67.8	633	10.3	78.8
Husbands	3,534	75.6	160	6.0	75.2	3,543	75.6	204	7.6	67.0
Wives	3,417	66.2	161	7.1	82.9	3,431	67.4	164	7.1	83.1
Other family member(s)	2,116	54.0	261	22.8	90.0	2,069	55.3	265	23.2	85.3
In families maintained by women	6,492	53.9	668	19.1	37.9	6,656	55.5	799	21.6	42.7
Householder	3,461	57.5	279	14.0	6.9	3,564	60.0	320	15.0	9.8
Other family member(s)	3,031	49.8	389	25.7	60.3	3,092	50.3	479	30.8	64.7
In families maintained by men	973	68.0	86	13.0	45.3	1,078	64.8	110	15.7	46.4
Householder	526	72.3	38	9.9	([1])	572	70.0	55	13.7	([1])
Other family member(s)	447	62.7	48	17.0	([1])	506	59.1	55	18.5	([1])
Hispanic origin										
In families	12,264	64.2	808	10.3	69.5	12,647	64.4	950	11.7	62.9
In married-couple families	8,894	66.3	556	9.4	73.9	9,392	66.2	661	10.6	71.3
Husbands	3,377	83.5	228	8.1	57.0	3,556	84.8	247	8.2	52.5
Wives	3,451	52.2	145	8.0	79.2	3,675	51.9	181	9.5	79.4
Other family member(s)	2,066	61.9	183	14.3	90.7	2,161	60.0	233	18.0	84.5
In families maintained by women	2,436	53.5	161	12.3	54.0	2,288	52.8	202	16.7	36.1
Householder	1,273	52.2	63	9.5	24.8	1,249	54.0	95	14.1	13.5
Other family member(s)	1,163	55.0	98	15.3	73.0	1,039	51.2	107	20.1	56.0
In families maintained by men	934	71.6	91	13.6	70.3	967	73.6	87	12.2	62.1
Householder	424	81.1	40	11.7	([1])	441	82.4	37	10.2	([1])
Other family member(s)	510	63.8	51	15.7	([1])	526	66.3	50	14.3	([1])

[1] Data not shown where base is less than 60,000.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	IV 1991	IV 1992	IV 1991	IV 1992	IV 1991	IV 1992
TOTAL						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	43,975	44,398	100.0	100.0	$676	$690
One earner	18,775	18,965	42.7	42.7	399	402
Two or more earners	25,200	25,433	57.3	57.3	883	906
Married-couple families	34,255	34,384	100.0	100.0	763	783
One earner	12,251	12,087	35.8	35.2	465	462
Husband	8,652	8,545	25.3	24.9	557	536
Wife	2,793	2,788	8.2	8.1	284	295
Other family member	806	754	2.4	2.2	282	279
Two or more earners	22,004	22,296	64.2	64.8	917	939
Husband and wife only	16,245	16,572	47.4	48.2	898	914
Husband, wife, and other family member(s)	3,461	3,384	10.1	9.8	1,143	1,209
Husband and other family member(s)	1,563	1,549	4.6	4.5	816	806
Wife and other family member(s)	584	651	1.7	1.9	582	581
Other family members only	150	140	.4	.4	524	548
Families maintained by women	7,544	7,660	100.0	100.0	382	385
One earner	5,153	5,345	68.3	69.8	303	301
Householder	4,082	4,280	54.1	55.9	314	311
Other family member	1,070	1,065	14.2	13.9	272	266
Two or more earners	2,391	2,315	31.7	30.2	610	622
Families maintained by men	2,176	2,354	100.0	100.0	507	520
One earner	1,371	1,532	63.0	65.1	388	433
Householder	1,064	1,202	48.9	51.0	429	479
Other family member	307	331	14.1	14.0	272	306
Two or more earners	805	822	37.0	34.9	711	741
White						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	37,366	37,545	100.0	100.0	705	718
One earner	15,522	15,506	41.5	41.3	420	423
Two or more earners	21,845	22,038	58.5	58.7	901	920
Married-couple families	30,308	30,340	100.0	100.0	777	795
One earner	10,864	10,707	35.8	35.3	481	474
Husband	7,825	7,718	25.8	25.4	575	556
Wife	2,368	2,344	7.8	7.7	284	295
Two or more earners	19,444	19,633	64.2	64.7	930	954
Husband and wife only	14,386	14,593	47.5	48.1	910	925
Families maintained by women	5,339	5,335	100.0	100.0	400	405
One earner	3,593	3,579	67.3	67.1	320	313
Two or more earners	1,746	1,755	32.7	32.9	607	627
Families maintained by men	1,718	1,870	100.0	100.0	519	537
One earner	1,064	1,220	61.9	65.2	405	463
Two or more earners	654	650	38.1	34.8	723	735
Black						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	5,115	5,239	100.0	100.0	482	489
One earner	2,582	2,787	50.5	53.2	289	297
Two or more earners	2,533	2,452	49.5	46.8	737	754
Married-couple families	2,755	2,751	100.0	100.0	633	653
One earner	892	887	32.4	32.2	311	317
Husband	455	470	16.5	17.1	378	400
Wife	340	340	12.4	12.3	287	280
Two or more earners	1,862	1,864	67.6	67.8	790	791
Husband and wife only	1,399	1,429	50.8	51.9	766	774
Families maintained by women	1,993	2,119	100.0	100.0	327	334
One earner	1,425	1,630	71.5	76.9	264	272
Two or more earners	568	489	28.5	23.1	611	608
Families maintained by men	367	369	100.0	100.0	380	409
One earner	265	270	72.1	73.1	331	337
Two or more earners	102	99	27.9	26.9	657	([2])

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	IV 1991	IV 1992	IV 1991	IV 1992	IV 1991	IV 1992
Hispanic origin						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	3,655	3,831	100.0	100.0	$479	$474
One earner	1,714	1,886	46.9	49.2	301	303
Two or more earners	1,941	1,945	53.1	50.8	683	684
Married-couple families	2,550	2,736	100.0	100.0	526	515
One earner	1,055	1,197	41.4	43.8	310	318
Husband	797	950	31.3	34.7	323	342
Wife	183	167	7.2	6.1	258	260
Two or more earners	1,495	1,539	58.6	56.2	722	731
Husband and wife only	904	973	35.5	35.6	716	719
Families maintained by women	754	721	100.0	100.0	361	318
One earner	464	513	61.5	71.2	276	246
Two or more earners	290	208	38.5	28.8	548	562
Families maintained by men	351	374	100.0	100.0	426	506
One earner	195	176	55.6	47.0	302	351
Two or more earners	156	198	44.4	53.0	556	590

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

[2] Data not shown where base is less than 100,000.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 7. Families with unemployed members and wage and salary earners by type of family and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	IV 1991	IV 1992	IV 1991	IV 1992	IV 1991	IV 1992
Families with unemployment and wage and salary earners[1]	3,854	3,900	--	--	$450	$460
Married-couple families	3,052	3,058	100.0	100.0	491	493
Husband unemployed	1,095	1,089	35.9	35.6	340	337
Wife only earner	811	841	26.6	27.5	314	317
Wife and other earner(s)	192	164	6.3	5.4	515	591
Other earners only	92	85	3.0	2.8	([2])	([2])
Wife unemployed	976	1,080	32.0	35.3	492	488
Husband only earner	806	913	26.4	29.9	456	460
Husband and other earner(s)	140	150	4.6	4.9	738	811
Other earners only	30	17	1.0	.5	([2])	([2])
Other members unemployed	981	889	32.1	29.1	728	815
Husband or wife earners	404	349	13.2	11.4	555	553
Both husband and wife earners	552	516	18.1	16.9	873	992
Other combinations of earners	24	23	.8	.8	([2])	([2])
Families maintained by women[1]	603	650	100.0	100.0	359	330
Householder unemployed	98	101	16.3	15.6	([2])	149
Other member(s) unemployed	504	548	83.7	84.4	384	371
Families maintained by men[1]	199	193	100.0	100.0	331	478
Householder unemployed	57	59	28.9	30.6	([2])	([2])
Other member(s) unemployed	141	134	71.1	69.4	401	577

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

[2] Data not shown where base is less than 100,000.

Table 8. Families by employment status of members and type of family, annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	1991	1992	1991	1992
Married-couple families	51,518	51,834	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	8,027	8,016	15.6	15.5
With at least one member in the labor force	43,491	43,817	84.4	84.5
No member employed	810	931	1.6	1.8
Some member employed	42,681	42,886	82.8	82.7
Husband only	10,742	10,619	20.9	20.5
Wife only	2,822	3,003	5.5	5.8
Husband and wife	25,477	25,656	49.5	49.5
Husband and wife only	20,762	20,926	40.3	40.4
Other combinations	3,638	3,608	7.1	7.0
Families maintained by women	11,528	11,726	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	2,907	2,918	25.2	24.9
With at least one member in the labor force	8,620	8,808	74.8	75.1
No member employed	779	863	6.8	7.4
Some member employed	7,842	7,945	68.0	67.8
Householder employed	6,457	6,582	56.0	56.1
Householder only	4,189	4,354	36.3	37.1
Householder and other(s)	2,268	2,228	19.7	19.0
Other combinations	1,384	1,363	12.0	11.6
Families maintained by men	2,999	3,226	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	353	363	11.8	11.3
With at least one member in the labor force	2,647	2,863	88.3	88.7
No member employed	173	206	5.8	6.4
Some member employed	2,473	2,657	82.5	82.4
Householder employed	2,113	2,288	70.5	70.9
Householder only	1,198	1,349	39.9	41.8
Householder and other(s)	916	939	30.5	29.1
Other combinations	360	369	12.0	11.4

Table 9. Families with children under 18 years old by the employment status of parent(s) and type of family, annual averages

(In thousands)

Characteristic	1991			1992		
	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old
Total families	32,101	17,141	14,960	32,442	17,420	15,022
Married-couple families	23,886	12,323	11,563	23,979	12,454	11,524
With employed parent(s)	22,867	11,820	11,047	22,925	11,956	10,969
Neither unemployed	21,645	11,196	10,449	21,526	11,215	10,312
Father employed	6,874	2,748	4,126	6.641	2,664	3,978
Mother employed	533	351	182	536	351	186
Both employed	14,238	8,097	6,141	14,349	8,200	6,148
One unemployed	1,222	624	598	1,399	741	657
Father unemployed	560	314	246	667	376	290
Mother unemployed	662	310	352	732	365	367
With no employed parent	1,017	502	516	1,054	498	555
Father unemployed	350	126	224	369	120	249
Mother unemployed	47	29	18	48	30	18
Both unemployed	97	45	53	117	50	67
Neither in labor force	523	302	221	520	298	221
Families maintained by women	6,978	4,060	2,918	7,075	4,137	2,937
Mother employed	4,186	2,858	1,328	4,246	2,893	1,353
Mother not employed	2,792	1,202	1,590	2,829	1,245	1,584
Unemployed	539	273	266	600	316	284
Not in labor force	2,253	929	1,324	2,229	929	1,300
Families maintained by men	1,238	758	480	1,389	829	560
Fatner employed	1,008	631	377	1,140	691	450
Father not employed	230	127	103	248	138	110
Unemployed	110	56	55	116	55	61
Not in labor force	120	71	48	132	83	49
Total families with unemployed parents	2,365	1,153	1,214	2,649	1,312	1,336

Table 10. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
TOTAL						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	43,530	44,137	100.0	100.0	$669	$688
One earner	18,604	18,947	42.7	42.9	397	403
Two or more earners	24,927	25,190	57.3	57.1	878	907
Married-couple families	33,930	34,280	100.0	100.0	754	779
One earner	12,177	12,200	35.9	35.6	455	469
Husband	8,784	8,667	25.9	25.3	532	546
Wife	2,636	2,801	7.8	8.2	279	294
Other family member	757	732	2.2	2.1	278	282
Two or more earners	21,753	22,080	64.1	64.4	911	942
Husband and wife only	15,923	16,225	46.9	47.3	884	913
Husband, wife, and other family member(s)	3,472	3,484	10.2	10.2	1,161	1,202
Husband and other family member(s)	1,637	1,617	4.8	4.7	838	848
Wife and other family member(s)	557	597	1.6	1.7	589	592
Other family members only	163	158	.5	.5	617	589
Families maintained by women	7,441	7,546	100.0	100.0	385	385
One earner	5,090	5,286	68.4	70.0	306	306
Householder	4,045	4,225	54.4	56.0	315	316
Other family member	1,045	1,061	14.0	14.1	270	264
Two or more earners	2,351	2,261	31.6	30.0	622	634
Families maintained by men	2,159	2,311	100.0	100.0	514	519
One earner	1,337	1,462	61.9	63.2	404	415
Householder	1,058	1,190	49.0	51.5	449	441
Other family member	278	272	12.9	11.8	267	307
Two or more earners	822	850	38.1	36.8	736	756
White						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	36,978	37,378	100.0	100.0	695	716
One earner	15,395	15,556	41.6	41.6	417	428
Two or more earners	21,584	21,822	58.4	58.4	895	923
Married-couple families	30,069	30,337	100.0	100.0	767	791
One earner	10,851	10,852	36.1	35.8	474	483
Husband	7,953	7,844	26.5	25.9	549	561
Wife	2,252	2,384	7.5	7.9	280	296
Two or more earners	19,218	19,485	63.9	64.2	922	954
Husband and wife only	14,098	14,369	46.9	47.4	895	923
Families maintained by women	5,209	5,226	100.0	100.0	399	409
One earner	3,504	3,557	67.3	68.1	317	320
Two or more earners	1,705	1,669	32.7	31.9	628	642
Families maintained by men	1,701	1,814	100.0	100.0	529	545
One earner	1,039	1,147	61.1	63.2	418	442
Two or more earners	661	668	38.9	36.8	753	768
Black						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	5,098	5,188	100.0	100.0	484	478
One earner	2,588	2,729	50.8	52.6	293	291
Two or more earners	2,510	2,460	49.2	47.4	723	756
Married-couple families	2,735	2,723	100.0	100.0	625	646
One earner	897	895	32.8	32.9	313	309
Husband	503	486	18.4	17.9	366	359
Wife	312	330	11.4	12.1	272	279
Two or more earners	1,838	1,828	67.2	67.1	776	806
Husband and wife only	1,362	1,327	49.8	48.7	756	783
Families maintained by women	2,003	2,079	100.0	100.0	339	328
One earner	1,440	1,570	71.9	75.5	274	272
Two or more earners	563	509	28.1	24.5	599	604
Families maintained by men	360	386	100.0	100.0	401	412
One earner	251	264	69.7	68.3	317	323
Two or more earners	109	122	30.3	31.7	620	671

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 10. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, annual averages —Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
Hispanic origin						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	3,636	3,755	100.0	100.0	$495	$496
One earner	1,715	1,778	47.2	47.4	307	312
Two or more earners	1,921	1,977	52.8	52.6	694	701
Married-couple families	2,599	2,698	100.0	100.0	546	552
One earner	1,102	1,116	42.4	41.4	322	333
Husband	850	876	32.7	32.5	355	365
Wife	176	170	6.8	6.3	235	264
Two or more earners	1,497	1,582	57.6	58.6	732	743
Husband and wife only	917	968	35.3	35.9	713	721
Families maintained by women	701	720	100.0	100.0	343	341
One earner	450	495	64.3	68.8	268	263
Two or more earners	250	225	35.7	31.2	559	559
Families maintained by men	337	337	100.0	100.0	462	476
One earner	163	166	48.5	49.4	311	323
Two or more earners	173	170	51.5	50.6	592	581

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

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EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES: THIRD QUARTER 1992

The number of families with at least one unemployed member totaled 6.7 million or 10 percent of all families in the third quarter of 1992, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. About 70 percent of these 6.7 million families also had at least one member who was employed.

Median weekly earnings of families with wage and salary workers rose to $694 in the third quarter of 1992, an increase of 3.4 percent since the third quarter of 1991. Over the same period, there was a 3.0 percent rise in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). Other third-quarter 1992 highlights were:

---Out of a total of 67.0 million families, 53.7 million had at least one employed member. This was 457,000 more than a year earlier, a change that was about in line with the increase in the total number of families. There was at least one member employed full time in more than 9 out of 10 of the families with employment. (See tables A and 1.)

---Most of the increase in the number of families with employed members took place among those maintained by either a woman or a man (with no spouse present). About one-third of the gain was accounted for by married-couple families. (See table 2.)

---Among the 6.7 million families with an unemployed member, there were 2 million in which no member was employed, 275,000 more than a year earlier. Such families accounted for about 40 percent of the over-the-year increase in the number with unemployed members (722,000). (See table A.)

---There were 32.6 million families with children under 18. Of these, almost 9 out of 10 had at least one employed parent. A parent was unemployed in 2.7 million families, 330,000 more than a year earlier. Overall, 8.2 percent of families with children under 18 contained an unemployed parent; the proportion was slightly higher--8.9 percent--for those with children under 6. (See tables A and 4.)

---Median weekly earnings of married-couple families with wage and salary workers rose 4.1 percent over the year, reaching $786 in the third quarter of 1992. Families in which both husband and wife were employed (but no other member) had median earnings of $925. The median for families maintained by women, no husband present, was $388 a week, and, for families maintained by men, no wife present, it was $527. (See table 6.)

---Median weekly earnings increased to $723 for white families, while remaining basically unchanged for black and Hispanic families (at $464 and $507, respectively). (See table 6.)

Table A. Summary labor force characteristics of families, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	III 1991	III 1992	Change
Total families	66,353	67,028	675
With employed member(s)	53,273	53,730	457
Percent of total families	80.3	80.2	-.1
With member(s) employed full time	49,754	50,100	346
Percent of total families	75.0	74.7	-.3
With unemployed member(s)	6,014	6,736	722
Percent with employed member(s)	71.2	70.2	-1.0
Percent of total families	9.1	10.0	.9
With unemployed member(s), none employed	1,734	2,009	275
Percent of total families	2.6	3.0	.4
With no members in labor force	11,345	11,289	-56
Percent with all members 60 years and over	60.8	61.2	.4
Percent of total families	17.1	16.8	-.3
With children under 18 years old	32,323	32,642	319
Percent with employed parent(s)	87.4	87.5	.1
Percent with employed mother	59.9	60.5	.6
Percent of total families	48.7	48.7	.0
With children under 6 year old	15,037	15,106	69
Percent with employed parent(s)	85.5	85.3	-.2
Percent with employed mother	52.1	53.0	.9
Percent of total families	22.7	22.5	-.2

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Explanatory Note

The estimates in this release were obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), which provides basic information on the labor force, employment, and unemployment. The survey is conducted monthly for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by the Bureau of the Census from a scientifically selected national sample of about 60,000 households, with coverage in all 50 States and the District of Columbia. The earnings data are collected from one-quarter of the CPS monthly sample and are limited to wages and salaries. The data, therefore, exclude self-employment income.

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In any sample survey, variations in the data can occur by chance because a sample, rather than the whole of the population, is surveyed. The standard error is a measure of such potential variation. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the survey differs from a figure that would be obtained from a complete census by less than one standard error. The chances are about 90 out of 100 that such a difference would be less than 1.6 standard errors. All statements of comparisons in the text of this release are significant at 1.6 or more standard errors.

Standard errors for numbers and proportions of families can be approximated using tables found in the Household Data section of the Explanatory Notes in *Employment and Earnings*. Representative standard errors for median family earnings are available from BLS upon request.

Definitions

The principal definitions used in this release are described briefly below.

Family. A family is a group of two or more persons residing together who are related by blood, marriage, or adoption. The count of families is for "primary" families only, that is, the householder and all other persons related to and residing with the householder. Not included are unrelated subfamilies. Families are classified either as married-couple families or families maintained by women or men without spouses.

Householder. A householder is the person in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented.

Employed. Employed persons are those who during the survey week: (a) Did any work at all as paid employees; (b) worked in their own business or profession or on their own farms; or (c) worked 15 hours or more as an unpaid worker in a family-operated enterprise. Also included are those who were temporarily absent from their jobs because of illness, vacation, bad weather, labor-management disputes, or personal reasons.

Unemployed. The unemployed are persons who had no employment during the survey week, were available for work at that time, and made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the prior 4 weeks. Persons laid off from their former jobs and awaiting recall and those expecting to report to a job within 30 days need not be looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

Wage and salary workers. Workers who receive wages, salaries, commissions, tips, payment in kind, or piece rates. Persons who report themselves as self-employed, including those whose businesses are incorporated, are excluded from coverage in these earnings data.

Usual weekly earnings. Data on usual weekly earnings are provided from responses to the question, "How much does...USUALLY earn per week at this job before deductions? Include any overtime pay, commissions, or tips usually received." The response is for the worker's sole or principal job, and the term "usual" is as perceived by the respondent. If the respondent asks for a definition of "usual," interviewers are instructed to define the term as more than half the weeks worked during the past 4 or 5 months.

Median weekly earnings. The median of weekly earnings is the value at which 50 percent of the earnings distribution lies above and 50 percent lies below. The estimating procedure places each reported earnings value into intervals which are centered around multiples of $50. The actual value is calculated through linear interpolation of the interval in which the median lies.

Over-the-year changes in the medians for component groups may not necessarily be consistent with the changes estimated for the overall median and therefore are not presented in this release. Circumstances under which this can occur include: (1) Even though medians of component groups may rise, if the lower-earnings group accounts for a sufficiently increased share of the total, the overall median can rise less than for any of the groups; and (2) survey observations tend to be clustered at rounded values, such as $250, $300, and $400, and an estimated median lying in a $50-wide centered interval containing such a cluster changes more slowly than one in non-clustered intervals. For example, if the medians for component groups are not in a cluster but the overall group median is, then the increase in the overall median will be less than for the components.

Table 1. Families by employment status of members, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	III 1991	III 1992	III 1991	III 1992
TOTAL				
Total families	66,353	67,028	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	11,345	11,289	17.1	16.8
With at least one member in the labor force	55,007	55,739	82.9	83.2
No member employed	1,734	2,009	2.6	3.0
Some member employed	53,273	53,730	80.3	80.2
No one unemployed	48,993	49,003	73.8	73.1
One or more employed full time	45,898	45,876	69.2	68.4
Some member unemployed	4,280	4,727	6.5	7.1
One or more employed full time	3,856	4,224	5.8	6.3
White				
Total families	56,657	57,123	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	9,523	9,556	16.8	16.7
With at least one member in the labor force	47,134	47,567	83.2	83.3
No member employed	1,215	1,378	2.1	2.4
Some member employed	45,919	46,189	81.0	80.9
No one unemployed	42,497	42,498	75.0	74.4
One or more employed full time	39,923	39,889	70.5	69.8
Some member unemployed	3,422	3,691	6.0	6.5
One or more employed full time	3,102	3,313	5.5	5.8
Black				
Total families	7,551	7,644	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	1,552	1,462	20.6	19.1
With at least one member in the labor force	5,998	6,182	79.4	80.9
No member employed	463	559	6.1	7.3
Some member employed	5,535	5,623	73.3	73.6
No one unemployed	4,857	4,803	64.3	62.8
One or more employed full time	4,434	4,394	58.7	57.5
Some member unemployed	678	820	9.0	10.7
One or more employed full time	594	708	7.9	9.3
Hispanic origin				
Total families	5,047	5,187	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	743	714	14.7	13.8
With at least one member in the labor force	4,304	4,473	85.3	86.2
No member employed	229	283	4.5	5.5
Some member employed	4,075	4,190	80.7	80.8
No one unemployed	3,551	3,637	70.4	70.1
One or more employed full time	3,353	3,409	66.4	65.7
Some member unemployed	523	553	10.4	10.7
One or more employed full time	483	507	9.6	9.8

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 2. Families by employment status of members and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	III 1991	III 1992	III 1991	III 1992
Married-couple families	51,699	52,001	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	8,105	8,102	15.7	15.6
With at least one member in the labor force	43,594	43,899	84.3	84.4
No member employed	772	917	1.5	1.8
Some member employed	42,822	42,981	82.8	82.7
Husband only	10,957	10,812	21.2	20.8
Wife only	2,711	2,863	5.2	5.5
Husband and wife	25,383	25,593	49.1	49.2
Husband and wife only	20,415	20,593	39.5	39.6
Other combinations	3,771	3,713	7.3	7.1
Families maintained by women	11,628	11,757	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	2,905	2,824	25.0	24.0
With at least one member in the labor force	8,723	8,932	75.0	76.0
No member employed	782	884	6.7	7.5
Some member employed	7,940	8,049	68.3	68.5
Householder employed	6,480	6,607	55.7	56.2
Householder only	4,110	4,290	35.3	36.5
Householder and other(s)	2,370	2,317	20.4	19.7
Other combinations	1,461	1,441	12.6	12.3
Families maintained by men	3,025	3,271	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	335	363	11.1	11.1
With at least one member in the labor force	2,690	2,908	88.9	88.9
No member employed	179	208	5.9	6.4
Some member employed	2,511	2,700	83.0	82.5
Householder employed	2,160	2,340	71.4	71.5
Householder only	1,216	1,353	40.2	41.4
Householder and other(s)	944	987	31.2	30.2
Other combinations	350	360	11.6	11.0

Table 3. Families with unemployed members by type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	III 1991	III 1992	III 1991	III 1992
Families with unemployment	6,014	6,736	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	4,280	4,727	71.2	70.2
With no members employed	1,734	2,009	28.8	29.8
Married-couple families	4,077	4,631	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	3,304	3,713	81.0	80.2
With no members employed	772	917	18.9	19.8
With husband unemployed	1,496	1,791	36.7	38.7
Wife employed	847	1,061	20.8	22.9
Other(s) employed	84	86	2.1	1.9
No one employed	566	645	13.9	13.9
With wife unemployed	1,237	1,394	30.3	30.1
Husband employed	1,126	1,247	27.6	26.9
Other(s) employed	21	14	.5	.3
No one employed	90	133	2.2	2.9
With other member(s) unemployed	1,343	1,446	32.9	31.2
Families maintained by women	1,511	1,647	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	728	764	48.2	46.4
With no members employed	782	884	51.8	53.7
With householder unemployed	674	777	44.6	47.2
Other(s) employed	128	143	8.5	8.7
No one employed	546	635	36.1	38.6
With other member(s) unemployed	837	870	55.4	52.8
Families maintained by men	427	458	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	247	250	57.8	54.6
With no members employed	179	208	41.9	45.4
With householder unemployed	214	221	50.1	48.3
Other(s) employed	72	62	16.9	13.5
No one employed	142	159	33.3	34.7
With other member(s) unemployed	213	237	49.9	51.7

Table 4. Families with children under 18 years old by the employment status of parent(s) and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(In thousands)

Characteristic	III 1991			III 1992		
	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old
Total families	32,323	17,286	15,037	32,642	17,536	15,106
Married-couple families	24,009	12,379	11,630	24,157	12,579	11,578
With employed parent(s)	23,018	11,885	11,134	23,155	12,081	11,075
Neither unemployed	21,826	11,256	10,571	21,749	11,345	10,404
Father employed	7,134	2,864	4,270	6,821	2,807	4,014
Mother employed	519	360	160	499	335	164
Both employed	14,173	8,032	6,141	14,429	8,203	6,226
One unemployed	1,192	628	563	1,407	737	671
Father unemployed	474	267	207	586	324	263
Mother unemployed	718	361	356	821	413	408
With no employed parent	990	494	495	1,003	498	503
Father unemployed	330	117	213	337	120	217
Mother unemployed	41	25	16	43	27	16
Both unemployed	91	43	48	118	50	67
Neither in labor force	528	309	218	505	301	203
Families maintained by women	7,033	4,118	2,915	7,090	4,128	2,962
Mother employed	4,210	2,879	1,331	4,240	2,893	1,347
Mother not employed	2,823	1,238	1,584	2,850	1,235	1,615
Unemployed	560	295	265	648	339	309
Not in labor force	2,263	943	1,319	2,202	896	1,306
Families maintained by men	1,281	789	492	1,395	829	566
Father employed	1,034	647	386	1,153	690	463
Father not employed	248	142	106	242	139	104
Unemployed	120	61	59	110	50	60
Not in labor force	128	81	47	132	89	44
Total families with unemployed parents	2,334	1,169	1,164	2,663	1,323	1,340

Table 5. Employment status of persons in families by family relationship, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	III 1991					III 1992				
	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed			Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed		
			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)
TOTAL										
In families	150,558	66.9	6,692	6.6	69.7	152,033	67.4	7,587	7.4	68.4
In married-couple families	123,247	67.7	4,513	5.4	79.1	124,246	68.1	5,202	6.2	77.8
Husbands	51,699	77.4	1,496	3.7	62.2	52,001	77.5	1,791	4.4	64.0
Wives	51,699	58.2	1,381	4.6	84.3	52,001	59.0	1,588	5.2	81.6
Other family member(s)	19,849	66.8	1,636	12.3	90.0	20,244	67.1	1,823	13.4	88.2
In families maintained by women	21,368	61.4	1,703	13.0	48.6	21,447	62.4	1,876	14.0	46.6
Householder	11,628	61.5	674	9.4	19.0	11,757	62.8	777	10.5	18.3
Other family member(s)	9,740	61.3	1,029	17.2	67.9	9,690	62.0	1,099	18.3	66.6
In families maintained by men	5,942	71.8	476	11.2	56.3	6,342	71.9	508	11.1	52.4
Householder	3,025	78.5	214	9.0	33.7	3,271	78.3	221	8.6	28.1
Other family member(s)	2,917	64.9	262	13.8	75.0	3,071	65.1	287	14.4	71.0
White										
In families	128,480	67.5	5,098	5.9	72.2	129,369	67.8	5,628	6.4	70.7
In married-couple families	109,759	67.7	3,799	5.1	78.7	110,426	68.1	4,301	5.7	77.5
Husbands	46,482	77.4	1,295	3.6	61.3	46,719	77.5	1,517	4.2	63.5
Wives	46,489	57.7	1,179	4.4	85.0	46,721	58.4	1,358	5.0	81.4
Other family member(s)	16,788	68.8	1,325	11.5	90.2	16,986	68.8	1,426	12.2	88.8
In families maintained by women	14,118	64.1	953	10.5	52.2	13,991	64.3	958	10.6	47.8
Householder	7,783	63.1	375	7.6	25.2	7,803	63.3	407	8.2	23.3
Other family member(s)	6,335	65.4	578	14.0	69.6	6,188	65.7	551	13.6	65.9
In families maintained by men	4,603	73.3	345	10.2	55.9	4,952	72.6	369	10.3	50.7
Householder	2,379	79.8	163	8.6	33.3	2,587	79.1	164	8.0	26.4
Other family member(s)	2,224	66.4	182	12.4	76.1	2,365	65.5	205	13.2	70.6
Black										
In families	16,513	63.1	1,347	12.9	59.4	16,788	64.9	1,629	15.0	59.2
In married-couple families	8,979	68.0	547	9.0	81.2	9,069	68.9	660	10.6	78.6
Husbands	3,572	75.6	152	5.6	70.3	3,555	75.3	203	7.6	66.4
Wives	3,455	65.8	148	6.5	79.0	3,433	67.3	162	7.0	81.8
Other family member(s)	1,952	58.1	247	21.8	89.1	2,081	60.5	295	23.4	84.9
In families maintained by women	6,524	55.7	694	19.1	43.2	6,706	58.9	855	21.7	44.7
Householder	3,485	58.3	279	13.7	10.6	3,580	61.9	350	15.8	11.8
Other family member(s)	3,039	52.9	415	25.8	65.0	3,126	55.4	505	29.2	67.5
In families maintained by men	1,010	66.4	107	15.9	55.1	1,013	68.3	115	16.6	55.7
Householder	511	72.1	43	11.7	(1)	525	73.5	47	12.1	(1)
Other family member(s)	499	60.7	64	21.1	68.0	488	62.7	68	22.2	71.3
Hispanic origin										
In families	12,184	65.5	842	10.5	68.1	12,525	65.7	974	11.8	64.1
In married-couple families	8,778	66.8	552	9.4	73.0	9,247	67.3	672	10.8	72.5
Husbands	3,353	84.1	210	7.5	51.9	3,495	85.4	241	8.1	56.2
Wives	3,478	52.9	152	8.3	81.1	3,654	53.6	196	10.0	81.2
Other family member(s)	1,947	61.6	190	15.8	89.9	2,098	61.2	235	18.3	82.1
In families maintained by women	2,294	55.0	190	15.1	53.2	2,316	54.8	211	16.6	43.1
Householder	1,236	55.2	78	11.4	31.1	1,254	53.5	91	13.6	17.4
Other family member(s)	1,058	54.8	112	19.4	68.5	1,062	56.5	120	20.1	62.5
In families maintained by men	1,112	77.3	99	11.5	70.7	962	76.1	90	12.3	50.0
Householder	473	86.5	42	10.3	(1)	445	84.2	42	11.2	(1)
Other family member(s)	639	70.6	57	12.7	(1)	517	69.2	48	13.4	(1)

[1] Data not shown where base is less than 60,000.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	III 1991	III 1992	III 1991	III 1992	III 1991	III 1992
TOTAL						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	43,670	44,375	100.0	100.0	$671	$694
One earner	18,670	19,058	42.8	42.9	394	405
Two or more earners	25,000	25,316	57.2	57.1	885	919
Married-couple families	33,969	34,333	100.0	100.0	755	786
One earner	12,243	12,342	36.0	35.9	452	475
Husband	9,039	8,923	26.6	26.0	521	545
Wife	2,493	2,735	7.3	8.0	287	303
Other family member	711	684	2.1	2.0	283	295
Two or more earners	21,725	21,991	64.0	64.1	918	958
Husband and wife only	15,534	15,976	45.7	46.5	889	925
Husband, wife, and other family member(s)	3,664	3,600	10.8	10.5	1,205	1,219
Husband and other family member(s)	1,812	1,696	5.3	4.9	860	884
Wife and other family member(s)	574	575	1.7	1.7	592	589
Other family members only	142	144	.4	.4	690	492
Families maintained by women	7,603	7,601	100.0	100.0	383	388
One earner	5,172	5,216	68.0	68.6	301	309
Householder	4,047	4,088	53.2	53.8	309	319
Other family member	1,125	1,128	14.8	14.8	264	261
Two or more earners	2,431	2,386	32.0	31.4	645	649
Families maintained by men	2,098	2,440	100.0	100.0	509	527
One earner	1,255	1,501	59.8	61.5	405	415
Householder	1,044	1,254	49.7	51.4	441	419
Other family member	211	247	10.1	10.1	250	359
Two or more earners	843	939	40.2	38.5	736	790
White						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	36,975	37,496	100.0	100.0	699	723
One earner	15,341	15,599	41.5	41.6	415	437
Two or more earners	21,634	21,896	58.5	58.4	903	938
Married-couple families	30,063	30,361	100.0	100.0	770	799
One earner	10,850	10,947	36.1	36.1	473	491
Husband	8,125	8,078	27.0	26.6	538	560
Wife	2,122	2,308	7.1	7.6	291	305
Two or more earners	19,213	19,414	63.9	63.9	932	971
Husband and wife only	13,784	14,169	45.9	46.7	900	936
Families maintained by women	5,254	5,213	100.0	100.0	399	411
One earner	3,512	3,490	66.8	66.9	313	322
Two or more earners	1,742	1,724	33.2	33.1	650	657
Families maintained by men	1,657	1,921	100.0	100.0	524	566
One earner	978	1,163	59.0	60.5	423	439
Two or more earners	679	758	41.0	39.5	746	827
Black						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	5,194	5,301	100.0	100.0	468	464
One earner	2,689	2,816	51.8	53.1	289	291
Two or more earners	2,505	2,485	48.2	46.9	707	750
Married-couple families	2,776	2,758	100.0	100.0	594	614
One earner	980	961	35.3	34.8	316	299
Husband	594	507	21.4	18.4	345	328
Wife	310	361	11.2	13.1	255	288
Two or more earners	1,796	1,797	64.7	65.2	758	812
Husband and wife only	1,312	1,271	47.2	46.1	739	800
Families maintained by women	2,083	2,149	100.0	100.0	330	334
One earner	1,494	1,579	71.7	73.5	265	281
Two or more earners	588	570	28.3	26.5	599	591
Families maintained by men	335	393	100.0	100.0	404	411
One earner	215	276	64.1	70.0	299	312
Two or more earners	120	118	35.9	30.0	592	633

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	III 1991	III 1992	III 1991	III 1992	III 1991	III 1992
Hispanic origin						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	3,702	3,920	100.0	100.0	$502	$507
One earner	1,726	1,863	46.6	47.5	309	322
Two or more earners	1,976	2,058	53.4	52.5	709	701
Married-couple families	2,600	2,809	100.0	100.0	566	568
One earner	1,057	1,175	40.7	41.8	336	342
Husband	829	947	31.9	33.7	371	376
Wife	164	188	6.3	6.7	214	289
Two or more earners	1,543	1,633	59.3	58.2	760	749
Husband and wife only	964	990	37.1	35.3	725	720
Families maintained by women	706	752	100.0	100.0	329	362
One earner	500	509	70.8	67.7	271	290
Two or more earners	206	243	29.2	32.3	557	525
Families maintained by men	395	360	100.0	100.0	463	462
One earner	169	178	42.7	49.6	285	324
Two or more earners	226	181	57.3	50.4	574	567

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 7. Families with unemployed members and wage and salary earners by type of family and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	III 1991	III 1992	III 1991	III 1992	III 1991	III 1992
Families with unemployment and wage and salary earners[1]	3,935	4,300	—	—	$478	$487
Married-couple families	3,014	3,299	100.0	100.0	515	518
Husband unemployed	890	1,115	29.5	33.8	327	361
Wife only earner	688	814	22.8	24.7	306	316
Wife and other earner(s)	154	210	5.1	6.4	596	631
Other earners only	48	91	1.6	2.8	([2])	([2])
Wife unemployed	1,074	1,122	35.6	34.0	506	524
Husband only earner	858	905	28.5	27.4	482	488
Husband and other earner(s)	190	205	6.3	6.2	788	860
Other earners only	26	11	.9	.3	([2])	([2])
Other members unemployed	1,050	1,062	34.8	32.2	756	776
Husband or wife earners	402	453	13.3	13.7	569	520
Both husband and wife earners	613	569	20.3	17.2	933	968
Other combinations of earners	35	41	1.2	1.2	([2])	([2])
Families maintained by women[1]	690	754	100.0	100.0	330	331
Householder unemployed	97	159	14.1	21.1	([2])	229
Other member(s) unemployed	592	595	85.9	78.9	356	362
Families maintained by men[1]	231	247	100.0	100.0	345	463
Householder unemployed	54	65	23.5	26.4	([2])	([2])
Other member(s) unemployed	177	182	76.5	73.6	370	480

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

[2] Data not shown where base is less than 100,000.

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EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES: SECOND QUARTER 1992

The number of families with at least one unemployed member increased by 764,000 to 6.7 million between the second quarters of 1991 and 1992, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. At the same time, the number of families with at least one employed member also rose, by 727,000 to 53.6 million.

Median weekly earnings of families with wage and salary workers rose to $687 a week in the second quarter of 1992, an increase of 3.5 percent over the year. Over the same period, there was a 3.1 percent rise in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). Other second-quarter 1992 highlights were:

---The number of families with at least one member working full time totaled 49.9 million. This was up 600,000 over the year, representing a return to the 1990 second-quarter level. Black families continued to be less likely to have a member employed full time than either white or Hispanic families. (See tables A and 1.)

---Married-couple families, which make up three-fourths of all families, accounted for a little over half (56 percent) of the increase in the number of families with employed members. The rest of the increase was accounted for by families maintained by either a woman or a man (with no spouse present). (See table 2.)

---Among married-couple families, the number in which both the husband and wife worked increased by 215,000 over the year to 25.9 million. The number of families in which the husband was the only worker (10.6 million) was unchanged over the year. (See table 2.)

---Although joblessness continued to be high compared with recent years, about 70 percent of all families with an unemployed member also had at least one employed member. Married-couple families with an unemployed member were much more likely to have an employed member as well than were families maintained by women--80 versus 47 percent. (See tables A and 3.)

---Among the 32.6 million families with children under 18, there were 2.6 million in which at least one parent was unemployed, a rise of 350,000 over the year. About three-fourths of the increase was among families with school-age children, a group that makes up just over half of all families with children. (See table 4.)

---Median weekly earnings of married-couple families with wage and salary workers rose 4.6 percent over the year, reaching $779 in the second quarter of 1992. Nearly two-thirds of these families had two or more earners, with median earnings of $941 a week. Median earnings of families maintained by women ($380) remained about half those of married-couple families. (See table 6.)

---Median weekly earnings of white families ($711) increased from the previous year, while those for black families ($476) declined. The decline in earnings among black families occurred principally among those maintained by women, a group which comprises a much larger share of black than of white families. Hispanic families' median earnings ($503) were unchanged over the year. (See table 6.)

Table A. Summary labor force characteristics of families, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	II 1991	II 1992	Change
Total families	65,831	66,757	926
With employed member(s)	52,883	53,610	727
Percent of total families	80.3	80.3	.0
With member(s) employed full time	49,316	49,916	600
Percent of total families	74.9	74.8	-.1
With unemployed member(s)	5,903	6,667	764
Percent with employed member(s)	70.6	70.5	-.1
Percent of total families	9.0	10.0	1.0
With unemployed member(s), none employed	1,734	1,964	230
Percent of total families	2.6	2.9	.3
With no members in labor force	11,214	11,184	-30
Percent with all members 60 years and over	60.7	60.4	-.3
Percent of total families	17.0	16.8	-.2
With children under 18 years old	32,061	32,568	507
Percent with employed parent(s)	87.7	87.5	-.2
Percent with employed mother	61.3	61.1	-.2
Percent of total families	48.7	48.8	.1
With children under 6 year old	15,017	15,184	167
Percent with employed parent(s)	85.5	85.4	-.1
Percent with employed mother	53.6	53.5	-.1
Percent of total families	22.8	22.7	-.1

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Explanatory Note

The estimates in this release were obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), which provides basic information on the labor force, employment, and unemployment. The survey is conducted monthly for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by the Bureau of the Census from a scientifically selected national sample of about 60,000 households, with coverage in all 50 States and the District of Columbia. The earnings data are collected from one-quarter of the CPS monthly sample and are limited to wages and salaries. The data, therefore, exclude self-employment income.

Information in this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: 202-606-STAT; TDD phone: 202-606-5897; TDD Message Referral Phone Number: 1-800-326-2577.

Reliability

In any sample survey, variations in the data can occur by chance because a sample, rather than the whole of the population, is surveyed. The standard error is a measure of such potential variation. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the survey differs from a figure that would be obtained from a complete census by less than one standard error. The chances are about 90 out of 100 that such a difference would be less than 1.6 standard errors. All statements of comparisons in the text of this release are significant at 1.6 or more standard errors.

Standard errors for numbers and proportions of families can be approximated using tables found in the Household Data section of the Explanatory Notes in *Employment and Earnings*. Representative standard errors for median family earnings are available from BLS upon request.

Definitions

The principal definitions used in this release are described briefly below.

Family. A family is a group of two or more persons residing together who are related by blood, marriage, or adoption. The count of families is for "primary" families only, that is, the householder and all other persons related to and residing with the householder. Not included are unrelated subfamilies. Families are classified either as married-couple families or families maintained by women or men without spouses.

Householder. A householder is the person in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented.

Employed. Employed persons are those who during the survey week: (a) Did any work at all as paid employees; (b) worked in their own business or profession or on their own farms; or (c) worked 15 hours or more as an unpaid worker in a family-operated enterprise. Also included are those who were temporarily absent from their jobs because of illness, vacation, bad weather, labor-management disputes, or personal reasons.

Unemployed. The unemployed are persons who had no employment during the survey week, were available for work at that time, and made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the prior 4 weeks. Persons laid off from their former jobs and awaiting recall and those expecting to report to a job within 30 days need not be looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

Wage and salary workers. Workers who receive wages, salaries, commissions, tips, payment in kind, or piece rates. Persons who report themselves as self-employed, including those whose businesses are incorporated, are excluded from coverage in these earnings data.

Usual weekly earnings. Data on usual weekly earnings are provided from responses to the question, "How much does...USUALLY earn per week at this job before deductions? Include any overtime pay, commissions, or tips usually received." The response is for the worker's sole or principal job, and the term "usual" is as perceived by the respondent. If the respondent asks for a definition of "usual," interviewers are instructed to define the term as more than half the weeks worked during the past 4 or 5 months.

Median weekly earnings. The median of weekly earnings is the value at which 50 percent of the earnings distribution lies above and 50 percent lies below. The estimating procedure places each reported earnings value into intervals which are centered around multiples of $50. The actual value is calculated through linear interpolation of the interval in which the median lies.

Over-the-year changes in the medians for component groups may not necessarily be consistent with the changes estimated for the overall median and therefore are not presented in this release. Circumstances under which this can occur include: (1) Even though medians of component groups may rise, if the lower-earnings group accounts for a sufficiently increased share of the total, the overall median can rise less than for any of the groups; and (2) survey observations tend to be clustered at rounded values, such as $250, $300, and $400, and an estimated median lying in a $50-wide centered interval containing such a cluster changes more slowly than one in non-clustered intervals. For example, if the medians for component groups are not in a cluster but the overall group median is, then the increase in the overall median will be less than for the components.

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Table 1. Families by employment status of members, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	II 1991	II 1992	II 1991	II 1992
TOTAL				
Total families	65,831	66,757	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	11,214	11,184	17.0	16.8
With at least one member in the labor force	54,617	55,573	83.0	83.2
No member employed	1,734	1,964	2.6	2.9
Some member employed	52,883	53,610	80.3	80.3
No one unemployed	48,714	48,906	74.0	73.3
One or more employed full time	45,576	45,762	69.2	68.6
Some member unemployed	4,169	4,703	6.3	7.0
One or more employed full time	3,740	4,154	5.7	6.2
White				
Total families	56,295	56,957	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	9,329	9,331	16.6	16.4
With at least one member in the labor force	46,966	47,625	83.4	83.6
No member employed	1,196	1,345	2.1	2.4
Some member employed	45,770	46,281	81.3	81.3
No one unemployed	42,427	42,574	75.4	74.7
One or more employed full time	39,769	39,931	70.6	70.1
Some member unemployed	3,343	3,707	5.9	6.5
One or more employed full time	3,000	3,276	5.3	5.8
Black				
Total families	7,472	7,590	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	1,629	1,592	21.8	21.0
With at least one member in the labor force	5,843	5,997	78.2	79.0
No member employed	484	548	6.5	7.2
Some member employed	5,359	5,449	71.7	71.8
No one unemployed	4,689	4,653	62.8	61.3
One or more employed full time	4,307	4,242	57.6	55.9
Some member unemployed	670	796	9.0	10.5
One or more employed full time	595	703	8.0	9.3
Hispanic origin				
Total families	4,948	5,141	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	735	740	14.9	14.4
With at least one member in the labor force	4,214	4,401	85.2	85.6
No member employed	218	270	4.4	5.3
Some member employed	3,996	4,131	80.8	80.4
No one unemployed	3,536	3,610	71.5	70.2
One or more employed full time	3,315	3,381	67.0	65.8
Some member unemployed	459	521	9.3	10.1
One or more employed full time	422	461	8.5	9.0

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 2. Families by employment status of members and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	II 1991	II 1992	II 1991	II 1992
Married-couple families	51,447	51,873	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	8,009	7,941	15.6	15.3
With at least one member in the labor force	43,438	43,932	84.4	84.7
No member employed	816	906	1.6	1.7
Some member employed	42,822	43,026	82.8	82.9
Husband only	10,828	10,629	20.7	20.5
Wife only	2,720	2,959	5.3	5.7
Husband and wife	25,667	25,882	49.9	49.9
Husband and wife only	20,905	21,006	40.6	40.5
Other combinations	3,607	3,556	7.0	6.9
Families maintained by women	11,366	11,626	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	2,851	2,894	25.1	24.9
With at least one member in the labor force	8,515	8,733	74.9	75.1
No member employed	781	869	6.7	7.5
Some member employed	7,754	7,864	68.2	67.6
Householder employed	8,381	6,524	56.1	56.1
Householder only	4,185	4,331	36.8	37.3
Householder and other(s)	2,196	2,193	19.3	18.9
Other combinations	1,373	1,340	12.1	11.5
Families maintained by men	3,018	3,258	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	354	349	11.7	10.7
With at least one member in the labor force	2,664	2,909	88.3	89.3
No member employed	157	189	5.2	5.8
Some member employed	2,507	2,720	83.1	83.5
Householder employed	2,157	2,355	71.5	72.3
Householder only	1,187	1,369	39.3	42.0
Householder and other(s)	970	987	32.1	30.3
Other combinations	350	364	11.6	11.2

Table 3. Families with unemployed members by type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	II 1991	II 1992	II 1991	II 1992
Families with unemployment	5,903	6,667	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	4,169	4,703	70.6	70.5
With no members employed	1,734	1,964	29.4	29.5
Married-couple families	4,102	4,575	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	3,286	3,669	80.1	80.2
With no members employed	818	906	19.9	19.8
With husband unemployed	1,650	1,883	40.2	41.2
Wife employed	964	1,141	23.5	24.9
Other(s) employed	93	97	2.3	2.1
No one employed	593	645	14.5	14.1
With wife unemployed	1,062	1,234	25.9	27.0
Husband employed	955	1,087	23.3	23.8
Other(s) employed	19	23	.5	.5
No one employed	88	124	2.1	2.7
With other member(s) unemployed	1,390	1,458	33.9	31.9
Families maintained by women	1,426	1,644	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	665	775	46.6	47.1
With no members employed	761	869	53.4	52.9
With householder unemployed	631	704	44.2	42.8
Other(s) employed	93	109	6.5	6.6
No one employed	538	595	37.7	36.2
With other member(s) unemployed	795	940	55.8	57.2
Families maintained by men	376	448	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	219	259	58.2	57.8
With no members employed	157	189	41.8	42.2
With householder unemployed	171	219	45.5	48.9
Other(s) employed	59	73	15.7	16.3
No one employed	112	145	29.8	32.4
With other member(s) unemployed	205	229	54.5	51.1

Table 4. Families with children under 18 years old by the employment status of parent(s) and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(In thousands)

Characteristic	II 1991			II 1992		
	Total	With children 8 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old	Total	With children 8 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 8 years old
Total families	32,061	17,045	15,017	32,568	17,385	15,184
Married-couple families	23,897	12,281	11,817	24,189	12,483	11,706
With employed parent(s)	22,898	11,787	11,112	23,145	11,984	11,182
Neither unemployed	21,768	11,233	10,534	21,789	11,239	10,550
Father employed	6,850	2,775	4,074	6,739	2,702	4,038
Mother employed	531	345	186	532	346	186
Both employed	14,387	8,113	8,274	14,518	8,191	8,328
One unemployed	1,130	554	578	1,356	745	811
Father unemployed	540	291	250	663	386	278
Mother unemployed	590	263	328	893	359	333
With no employed parent	999	494	506	1,043	499	545
Father unemployed	350	127	223	370	120	250
Mother unemployed	42	26	18	47	29	18
Both unemployed	98	44	54	106	48	58
Neither in labor force	509	297	213	520	302	219
Families maintained by women	6,940	4,033	2,908	8,990	4,084	2,905
Mother employed	4,192	2,857	1,335	4,186	2,860	1,326
Mother not employed	2,749	1,176	1,573	2,804	1,224	1,580
Unemployed	528	257	271	600	318	282
Not in labor force	2,221	919	1,302	2,204	906	1,298
Families maintained by men	1,224	731	492	1,389	817	572
Father employed	1,018	819	399	1,169	693	475
Father not employed	205	112	93	221	124	96
Unemployed	91	48	43	110	51	59
Not in labor force	114	64	50	111	73	37
Total families with unemployed parents	2,239	1,056	1,185	2,589	1,311	1,278

Table 5. Employment status of persons in families by family relationship, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	II 1991					II 1992				
	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed			Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed		
			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)
TOTAL										
In families	150,102	66.6	6,687	6.7	68.9	151,605	67.1	7,495	7.4	69.2
In married-couple families	123,150	67.4	4,586	5.5	78.1	124,109	67.9	5,121	6.1	78.4
Husbands	51,447	77.7	1,650	4.1	64.0	51,873	77.9	1,883	4.7	65.7
Wives	51,447	58.7	1,215	4.0	81.4	51,873	59.5	1,401	4.5	80.9
Other family member(s)	20,258	63.7	1,721	13.3	89.2	20,363	63.7	1,837	14.2	89.5
In families maintained by women	20,913	60.8	1,659	13.0	46.8	21,171	61.1	1,863	14.4	47.3
Householder	11,368	61.7	631	9.0	14.7	11,626	62.2	704	9.7	15.4
Other family member(s)	9,547	59.8	1,028	18.0	66.5	9,545	59.7	1,159	20.3	66.6
In families maintained by men	6,039	70.2	422	10.0	55.9	6,325	71.8	511	11.2	58.4
Householder	3,018	77.1	171	7.3	34.4	3,258	79.0	219	8.5	33.6
Other family member(s)	3,021	63.2	251	13.2	70.6	3,067	64.2	292	14.8	73.6
White										
In families	128,115	67.4	5,047	5.8	71.9	129,182	67.7	5,554	6.4	72.0
In married-couple families	109,811	67.6	3,863	5.2	77.8	110,502	67.9	4,220	5.6	78.1
Husbands	46,366	77.7	1,414	3.9	63.5	46,697	77.9	1,600	4.4	65.3
Wives	46,365	58.1	1,030	3.8	81.6	46,863	58.8	1,178	4.3	81.0
Other family member(s)	17,080	65.8	1,419	12.6	89.5	17,142	65.4	1,442	12.9	89.9
In families maintained by women	13,653	64.0	897	10.3	50.9	13,796	63.5	963	11.0	51.8
Householder	7,548	64.1	343	7.1	19.2	7,680	63.6	377	7.7	20.6
Other family member(s)	6,105	63.9	554	14.2	70.5	6,116	63.5	586	15.1	71.8
In families maintained by men	4,651	72.3	287	8.5	58.2	4,884	73.9	371	10.3	55.5
Householder	2,359	78.9	117	6.3	35.5	2,569	81.4	169	8.1	33.3
Other family member(s)	2,292	65.5	170	11.3	73.9	2,315	65.6	202	13.3	74.5
Black										
In families	16,499	62.1	1,391	13.6	57.6	16,646	63.2	1,623	15.4	58.7
In married-couple families	8,963	67.4	559	9.2	80.0	8,973	68.6	686	11.1	79.2
Husbands	3,522	75.4	176	6.6	69.5	3,491	76.2	200	7.5	65.6
Wives	3,421	65.9	138	6.1	80.2	3,415	66.8	163	7.1	79.4
Other family member(s)	2,020	56.2	245	21.6	87.5	2,067	58.7	323	26.7	87.6
In families maintained by women	6,527	54.7	718	20.1	41.8	6,615	56.1	832	22.4	41.8
Householder	3,461	57.2	271	13.7	9.3	3,569	59.1	300	14.2	8.3
Other family member(s)	3,066	51.9	447	28.1	61.5	3,046	52.4	532	33.3	60.7
In families maintained by men	1,009	62.3	115	18.3	47.0	1,058	62.9	106	15.9	58.6
Householder	511	66.0	47	13.5	([1])	535	66.9	40	11.1	([1])
Other family member(s)	498	58.3	68	24.1	57.8	523	58.6	66	21.4	66.7
Hispanic origin										
In families	11,976	64.4	767	10.0	65.3	12,487	65.2	910	11.2	63.7
In married-couple families	8,758	65.8	518	9.0	71.6	9,261	66.7	641	10.4	69.1
Husbands	3,311	84.3	202	7.2	57.0	3,488	85.0	251	8.5	51.6
Wives	3,431	52.3	138	7.7	78.4	3,626	53.9	164	8.4	69.8
Other family member(s)	2,016	58.3	178	15.2	83.0	2,147	58.6	226	18.0	88.2
In families maintained by women	2,244	53.6	176	14.6	46.6	2,277	53.9	181	14.7	49.7
Householder	1,225	54.6	77	11.5	25.6	1,211	53.3	76	11.7	18.1
Other family member(s)	1,019	52.3	99	18.6	62.4	1,066	54.6	105	18.1	72.1
In families maintained by men	974	76.7	73	9.8	65.8	949	76.9	87	11.9	52.9
Householder	418	86.6	22	6.2	([1])	451	86.5	43	11.1	([1])
Other family member(s)	558	69.2	51	13.2	([1])	498	68.3	44	13.0	([1])

[1] Data not shown where base is less than 60,000.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	II 1991	II 1992	II 1991	II 1992	II 1991	II 1992
TOTAL						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	43,217	44,107	100.0	100.0	$664	$687
One earner	18,352	18,905	42.5	42.9	397	402
Two or more earners	24,866	25,202	57.5	57.1	867	906
Married-couple families	33,725	34,390	100.0	100.0	745	779
One earner	11,974	12,272	35.5	35.7	450	475
Husband	8,639	8,783	25.8	25.5	519	544
Wife	2,528	2,728	7.5	7.9	277	287
Other family member	807	764	2.4	2.2	280	268
Two or more earners	21,750	22,118	64.5	64.3	899	941
Husband and wife only	16,044	18,267	47.6	47.3	866	905
Husband, wife, and other family member(s)	3,440	3,563	10.2	10.4	1,156	1,192
Husband and other family member(s)	1,603	1,612	4.8	4.7	845	878
Wife and other family member(s)	494	528	1.5	1.5	595	623
Other family members only	170	148	.5	.4	555	663
Families maintained by women	7,186	7,469	100.0	100.0	390	380
One earner	4,966	5,233	89.1	70.1	311	303
Householder	3,985	4,258	55.5	57.0	321	312
Other family member	980	975	13.6	13.1	277	264
Two or more earners	2,221	2,235	30.9	29.9	623	625
Families maintained by men	2,306	2,249	100.0	100.0	512	521
One earner	1,411	1,400	61.2	82.3	408	410
Householder	1,080	1,140	46.8	50.7	461	431
Other family member	331	260	14.4	11.6	267	312
Two or more earners	895	848	38.8	37.7	758	764
White						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	36,875	37,394	100.0	100.0	685	711
One earner	15,316	15,550	41.5	41.8	414	429
Two or more earners	21,558	21,844	58.5	58.4	882	917
Married-couple families	29,988	30,511	100.0	100.0	753	787
One earner	10,782	10,980	35.9	38.0	466	483
Husband	7,888	7,977	26.3	26.1	530	556
Wife	2,175	2,333	7.3	7.8	276	287
Two or more earners	19,225	19,531	64.1	64.0	908	949
Husband and wife only	14,191	14,460	47.3	47.4	876	912
Families maintained by women	5,075	5,173	100.0	100.0	396	409
One earner	3,454	3,518	68.1	68.0	317	321
Two or more earners	1,621	1,855	31.9	32.0	631	632
Families maintained by men	1,812	1,709	100.0	100.0	523	552
One earner	1,100	1,052	60.7	81.8	415	442
Two or more earners	712	657	39.3	38.4	778	748
Black						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	4,956	5,132	100.0	100.0	506	476
One earner	2,458	2,894	49.8	52.5	303	290
Two or more earners	2,498	2,439	50.4	47.5	737	781
Married-couple families	2,679	2,684	100.0	100.0	654	676
One earner	827	856	30.9	31.9	308	315
Husband	459	496	17.1	18.5	372	364
Wife	292	294	10.9	10.9	276	286
Two or more earners	1,851	1,828	89.1	68.1	781	850
Husband and wife only	1,385	1,301	51.7	48.5	768	813
Families maintained by women	1,907	2,038	100.0	100.0	370	320
One earner	1,375	1,544	72.1	75.8	297	262
Two or more earners	533	494	27.9	24.2	601	594
Families maintained by men	370	411	100.0	100.0	416	403
One earner	256	294	69.2	71.6	316	331
Two or more earners	114	117	30.8	28.4	638	819

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	II 1991	II 1992	II 1991	II 1992	II 1991	II 1992
Hispanic origin						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	3,597	3,593	100.0	100.0	$502	$503
One earner	1,650	1,646	45.9	45.8	313	313
Two or more earners	1,947	1,947	54.1	54.2	683	710
Married-couple families	2,587	2,594	100.0	100.0	549	565
One earner	1,072	1,046	41.4	40.3	320	336
Husband	885	806	34.2	31.1	346	361
Wife	139	171	5.4	6.6	263	260
Two or more earners	1,515	1,548	58.6	59.7	711	747
Husband and wife only	925	978	35.7	37.7	692	716
Families maintained by women	655	680	100.0	100.0	361	343
One earner	412	444	62.8	65.4	269	267
Two or more earners	244	235	37.2	34.6	578	558
Families maintained by men	355	318	100.0	100.0	459	488
One earner	166	155	46.9	48.8	378	301
Two or more earners	188	163	53.1	51.2	595	635

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 7. Families with unemployed members and wage and salary earners by type of family and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	II 1991	II 1992	II 1991	II 1992	II 1991	II 1992
Families with unemployment and wage and salary earners[1]	3,762	4,221	—	—	$463	$457
Married-couple families	2,960	3,240	100.0	100.0	492	497
Husband unemployed	1,003	1,158	33.9	35.7	340	301
Wife only earner	744	948	25.1	29.3	310	284
Wife and other earner(s)	153	130	5.2	4.0	539	595
Other earners only	106	80	3.6	2.5	280	(2)
Wife unemployed	915	1,019	30.9	31.4	458	490
Husband only earner	763	829	25.8	25.6	420	452
Husband and other earner(s)	137	166	4.6	5.1	699	771
Other earners only	16	24	.5	.8	(2)	(2)
Other members unemployed	1,042	1,063	35.2	32.8	796	804
Husband or wife earners	362	378	12.2	11.7	509	530
Both husband and wife earners	662	640	22.4	19.7	945	991
Other combinations of earners	18	45	.6	1.4	(2)	(2)
Families maintained by women[1]	582	771	100.0	100.0	355	359
Householder unemployed	86	95	14.7	12.3	(2)	(2)
Other member(s) unemployed	497	676	85.3	87.7	378	376
Families maintained by men[1]	220	210	100.0	100.0	406	412
Householder unemployed	73	66	33.1	31.4	(2)	(2)
Other member(s) unemployed	147	144	66.9	68.6	441	451

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

[2] Data not shown where base is less than 100,000.

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EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES: FIRST QUARTER 1992

One in every 10 families had an unemployed member in early 1992, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The number of families with at least one unemployed member increased by 780,000 over the year ended in the first quarter of 1992, to about 7.0 million families.

The number of families with at least one employed member grew by 270,000 over the year, reaching 52.9 million. This was about the same number as in the first quarter of 1990, before the recession started.

Median weekly earnings of families with wage and salary workers rose by 2.4 percent over the year, to $680 a week in the first quarter. Over the same period, there was a 2.9 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). Other first-quarter 1992 highlights were:

---At 49.0 million, the number of families with at least one member employed full time was nearly the same in early 1992 as a year before. Such families represent about three-fourths of all families. Black families were less likely to have a member employed full time than either white or Hispanic families. (See tables A and 1.)

---Among families with employed members, the number maintained by women and by men both increased, whereas the number of married-couple families was about unchanged. Within married-couple families, the number in which both the husband and wife worked was also unchanged at 25.1 million. (See table 2.)

---About 70 percent of all families directly affected by unemployment had at least one employed member, little changed from a year earlier. Married-couple families with an unemployed member were considerably more likely to have an employed member than families maintained by women. (See tables A and 3.)

---Among the 32.1 million families with children under 18, there were 2.8 million where at least one of the parents was unemployed, 11 percent more than a year earlier. Slightly over half of that increase was among families with children under 6. (See table 4.)

---Median weekly earnings of married-couple families with wage and salary workers rose 2.4 percent over the year, reaching $769 in the first quarter of 1992. Nearly two-thirds of these families had two or more earners, with median earnings of $930 a week. Median earnings of families maintained by women ($389) remained about half those of married-couple families. Median earnings of white families ($710) continued to exceed those for Hispanic families ($498) and black families ($481). (See table 6.)

Table A. Summary labor force characteristics of families, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	I 1991	I 1992	Change
Total families	65,693	66,372	679
With employed member(s)	52,615	52,887	272
Percent of total families	80.1	79.7	-.4
With member(s) employed full time	48,938	49,000	62
Percent of total families	74.5	73.8	-.7
With unemployed member(s)	6,177	6,956	779
Percent with employed member(s)	70.3	69.6	-.7
Percent of total families	9.4	10.5	1.1
With unemployed member(s), none employed	1,834	2,116	282
Percent of total families	2.8	3.2	.4
With no members in labor force	11,244	11,369	125
Percent with all members 60 years and over	59.7	59.4	-.3
Percent of total families	17.1	17.1	.0
With children under 18 years old	31,844	32,149	305
Percent with employed parent(s)	87.3	86.6	-.7
Percent with employed mother	60.6	60.8	.2
Percent of total families	48.5	48.4	-.1
With children under 6 year old	14,917	14,936	19
Percent with employed parent(s)	85.0	83.8	-1.2
Percent with employed mother	52.4	52.4	.0
Percent of total families	22.7	22.5	-.2

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Explanatory Note

The estimates in this release were obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), which provides basic information on the labor force, employment, and unemployment. The survey is conducted monthly for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by the Bureau of the Census from a scientifically selected national sample of about 60,000 households, with coverage in all 50 States and the District of Columbia. The earnings data are collected from one-quarter of the CPS monthly sample and are limited to wages and salaries. The data, therefore, exclude self-employment income.

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Standard errors for numbers and proportions of families can be approximated using tables found in the Household Data section of the Explanatory Notes in *Employment and Earnings*. Representative standard errors for median family earnings are available from BLS upon request.

Definitions

The principal definitions used in this release are described briefly below.

Family. A family is a group of two or more persons residing together who are related by blood, marriage, or adoption. The count of families is for "primary" families only, that is, the householder and all other persons related to and residing with the householder. Not included are unrelated subfamilies. Families are classified either as married-couple families or families maintained by women or men without spouses.

Householder. A householder is the person in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented.

Employed. Employed persons are those who during the survey week: (a) Did any work at all as paid employees; (b) worked in their own business or profession or on their own farms; or (c) worked 15 hours or more as an unpaid worker in a family-operated enterprise. Also included are those who were temporarily absent from their jobs because of illness, vacation, bad weather, labor-management disputes, or personal reasons.

Unemployed. The unemployed are persons who had no employment during the survey week, were available for work at that time, and made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the prior 4 weeks. Persons laid off from their former jobs and awaiting recall and those expecting to report to a job within 30 days need not be looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

Wage and salary workers. Workers who receive wages, salaries, commissions, tips, payment in kind, or piece rates. Persons who report themselves as self-employed, including those whose businesses are incorporated, are excluded from coverage in these earnings data.

Usual weekly earnings. Data on usual weekly earnings are provided from responses to the question, "How much does...USUALLY earn per week at this job before deductions? Include any overtime pay, commissions, or tips usually received." The response is for the worker's sole or principal job, and the term "usual" is as perceived by the respondent. If the respondent asks for a definition of "usual," interviewers are instructed to define the term as more than half the weeks worked during the past 4 or 5 months.

Median weekly earnings. The median of weekly earnings is the value at which 50 percent of the earnings distribution lies above and 50 percent lies below. The estimating procedure places each reported earnings value into intervals which are centered around multiples of $50. The actual value is calculated through linear interpolation of the interval in which the median lies.

Over-the-year changes in the medians for component groups may not necessarily be consistent with the changes estimated for the overall median and therefore are not presented in this release. Circumstances under which this can occur include: (1) Even though medians of component groups may rise, if the lower-earnings group accounts for a sufficiently increased share of the total, the overall median can rise less than for any of the groups; and (2) survey observations tend to be clustered at rounded values, such as $250, $300, and $400, and an estimated median lying in a $50-wide centered interval containing such a cluster changes more slowly than one in non-clustered intervals. For example, if the medians for component groups are not in a cluster but the overall group median is, then the increase in the overall median will be less than for the components.

Table 1. Families by employment status of members, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	I 1991	I 1992	I 1991	I 1992
TOTAL				
Total families	65,693	66,372	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	11,244	11,369	17.1	17.1
With at least one member in the labor force	54,449	55,002	82.9	82.9
No member employed	1,834	2,116	2.8	3.2
Some member employed	52,615	52,887	80.1	79.7
No one unemployed	48,272	48,047	73.5	72.4
One or more employed full time	45,100	44,786	68.7	67.5
Some member unemployed	4,343	4,840	6.6	7.3
One or more employed full time	3,838	4,214	5.8	6.3
White				
Total families	56,180	56,584	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	9,349	9,430	16.6	16.7
With at least one member in the labor force	46,831	47,154	83.4	83.3
No member employed	1,292	1,510	2.3	2.7
Some member employed	45,539	45,644	81.1	80.7
No one unemployed	41,982	41,728	74.7	73.7
One or more employed full time	39,311	39,020	70.0	69.0
Some member unemployed	3,557	3,915	6.3	6.9
One or more employed full time	3,142	3,426	5.6	6.1
Black				
Total families	7,442	7,604	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	1,608	1,662	21.6	21.9
With at least one member in the labor force	5,833	5,941	78.4	78.1
No member employed	477	525	6.4	6.9
Some member employed	5,356	5,416	72.0	71.2
No one unemployed	4,714	4,656	63.3	61.2
One or more employed full time	4,306	4,210	57.9	55.4
Some member unemployed	642	760	8.6	10.0
One or more employed full time	565	652	7.6	8.6
Hispanic origin				
Total families	4,909	5,099	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	756	763	15.4	15.0
With at least one member in the labor force	4,153	4,336	84.6	85.0
No member employed	208	288	4.2	5.6
Some member employed	3,945	4,048	80.4	79.4
No one unemployed	3,485	3,490	71.0	68.4
One or more employed full time	3,269	3,247	66.6	63.7
Some member unemployed	461	558	9.4	10.9
One or more employed full time	409	482	8.3	9.5

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 2. Families by employment status of members and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	I 1991	I 1992	I 1991	I 1992
Married-couple families	51,331	51,402	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	7,981	7,945	15.5	15.5
With at least one member in the labor force	43,349	43,457	84.4	84.5
No member employed	886	1,060	1.7	2.1
Some member employed	42,463	42,397	82.7	82.5
Husband only	10,771	10,504	21.0	20.4
Wife only	2,927	3,141	5.7	6.1
Husband and wife	25,188	25,143	49.1	48.9
Husband and wife only	20,761	20,690	40.4	40.3
Other combinations	3,576	3,609	7.0	7.0
Families maintained by women	11,418	11,788	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	2,917	3,056	25.5	25.9
With at least one member in the labor force	8,501	8,733	74.5	74.1
No member employed	774	828	6.8	7.0
Some member employed	7,728	7,905	67.7	67.1
Householder employed	6,415	6,556	56.2	55.6
Householder only	4,198	4,411	36.8	37.4
Householder and other(s)	2,217	2,145	19.4	18.2
Other combinations	1,312	1,349	11.5	11.4
Families maintained by men	2,944	3,181	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	346	369	11.8	11.6
With at least one member in the labor force	2,598	2,812	88.2	88.4
No member employed	174	227	5.9	7.1
Some member employed	2,424	2,585	82.3	81.3
Householder employed	2,061	2,220	70.0	69.8
Householder only	1,169	1,322	39.7	41.6
Householder and other(s)	892	898	30.3	28.2
Other combinations	363	365	12.3	11.5

Table 3. Families with unemployed members by type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	I 1991	I 1992	I 1991	I 1992
Families with unemployment	6,177	6,956	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	4,343	4,840	70.3	69.6
With no members employed	1,834	2,116	29.7	30.4
Married-couple families	4,339	4,887	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	3,453	3,827	79.6	78.3
With no members employed	886	1,060	20.4	21.7
With husband unemployed	1,924	2,219	44.3	45.4
Wife employed	1,153	1,346	26.6	27.5
Other(s) employed	109	96	2.5	2.0
No one employed	662	777	15.3	15.9
With wife unemployed	1,155	1,252	26.6	25.6
Husband employed	1,033	1,105	23.8	22.6
Other(s) employed	17	18	.4	.4
No one employed	106	130	2.4	2.7
With other member(s) unemployed	1,261	1,416	29.1	29.0
Families maintained by women	1,436	1,577	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	663	749	46.2	47.5
With no members employed	774	828	53.9	52.5
With householder unemployed	641	687	44.6	43.6
Other(s) employed	102	113	7.1	7.2
No one employed	539	574	37.5	36.4
With other member(s) unemployed	795	890	55.4	56.4
Families maintained by men	402	491	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	228	264	56.7	53.8
With no members employed	174	227	43.3	46.2
With householder unemployed	210	253	52.2	51.5
Other(s) employed	74	71	18.4	14.5
No one employed	136	183	33.8	37.3
With other member(s) unemployed	192	238	47.8	48.5

Table 4. Families with children under 18 years old by the employment status of parent(s) and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(In thousands)

Characteristic	1991			1992		
	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old
Total families	31,844	16,927	14,917	32,149	17,212	14,936
Married-couple families	23,787	12,223	11,564	23,720	12,300	11,420
With employed parent(s)	22,715	11,704	11,009	22,540	11,787	10,752
Neither unemployed	21,373	11,021	10,352	21,081	11,014	10,068
Father employed	6,850	2,709	4,141	6,530	2,606	3,925
Mother employed	533	341	191	536	331	205
Both employed	13,990	7,971	6,020	14,015	8,077	5,938
One unemployed	1,341	683	658	1,459	774	684
Father unemployed	663	374	289	784	440	343
Mother unemployed	678	309	369	675	334	341
With no employed parent	1,072	518	555	1,179	512	668
Father unemployed	393	151	242	431	116	315
Mother unemployed	54	29	25	60	37	24
Both unemployed	100	44	57	146	66	79
Neither in labor force	525	294	231	542	293	250
Families maintained by women	6,865	3,971	2,894	7,060	4,093	2,967
Mother employed	4,106	2,796	1,310	4,212	2,871	1,341
Mother not employed	2,759	1,175	1,584	2,849	1,222	1,626
Unemployed	517	264	253	566	298	268
Not in labor force	2,242	911	1,331	2,283	924	1,358
Families maintained by men	1,193	734	459	1,369	820	549
Father employed	975	615	360	1,092	673	419
Father not employed	218	118	100	277	146	130
Unemployed	114	56	58	140	64	76
Not in labor force	104	62	42	137	82	54
Total families with unemployed parents	2,519	1,227	1,293	2,802	1,355	1,446

Table 5. Employment status of persons in families by family relationship, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	I 1991					I 1992				
	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed			Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed		
			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)
TOTAL										
In families	149,823	65.9	6,908	7.0	68.7	150,804	66.1	7,796	7.8	67.9
In married-couple families	122,989	66.7	4,803	5.9	77.6	123,244	67.1	5,486	6.6	75.7
Husbands	51,331	77.6	1,924	4.8	65.6	51,402	77.5	2,219	5.6	65.0
Wives	51,331	58.5	1,315	4.4	81.3	51,402	59.2	1,469	4.8	77.7
Other family member(s)	20,327	60.0	1,564	12.8	89.3	20,440	60.7	1,798	14.5	87.5
In families maintained by women	20,961	60.2	1,639	13.0	47.0	21,405	59.2	1,761	13.9	48.1
Householder	11,418	61.8	641	9.1	16.0	11,788	61.4	687	9.5	16.5
Other family member(s)	9,543	58.3	998	17.9	66.9	9,617	56.5	1,074	19.8	68.3
In families maintained by men	5,872	69.6	467	11.4	53.7	6,155	70.0	549	12.7	52.6
Householder	2,944	77.1	210	9.2	35.2	3,181	77.8	253	10.2	28.0
Other family member(s)	2,928	62.0	257	14.1	69.0	2,974	61.7	296	16.1	73.8
White										
In families	127,928	66.6	5,346	6.3	71.4	128,593	66.7	5,987	7.0	70.3
In married-couple families	109,685	66.8	4,101	5.6	77.6	109,812	67.2	4,629	6.3	75.9
Husbands	46,290	77.5	1,672	4.7	65.3	46,282	77.5	1,907	5.3	65.1
Wives	46,269	57.9	1,141	4.3	82.0	46,240	58.7	1,258	4.6	78.7
Other family member(s)	17,126	62.1	1,288	12.1	89.6	17,290	62.3	1,464	13.6	87.5
In families maintained by women	13,650	63.3	875	10.1	49.9	14,039	61.9	946	10.9	50.4
Householder	7,572	63.8	344	7.1	20.3	7,802	63.1	375	7.6	21.2
Other family member(s)	6,078	62.6	531	13.9	69.2	6,237	60.3	571	15.2	69.6
In families maintained by men	4,593	71.6	370	11.3	54.3	4,742	71.3	413	12.2	52.8
Householder	2,304	79.3	170	9.3	36.5	2,478	79.6	198	10.0	29.4
Other family member(s)	2,289	63.8	200	13.7	69.4	2,264	62.2	215	15.2	74.7
Black										
In families	16,491	61.5	1,319	13.0	57.9	16,590	61.7	1,515	14.8	58.7
In married-couple families	8,953	67.0	522	8.7	78.5	8,926	67.2	666	11.1	75.5
Husbands	3,487	76.7	186	7.0	67.0	3,460	75.8	236	9.0	64.6
Wives	3,391	66.3	122	5.4	80.0	3,376	65.8	156	7.0	72.0
Other family member(s)	2,075	52.0	214	19.8	87.5	2,090	55.3	274	23.7	87.3
In families maintained by women	6,600	54.2	720	20.1	43.5	6,611	53.6	744	21.0	44.5
Householder	3,481	58.1	283	14.0	10.6	3,594	57.7	285	13.8	8.8
Other family member(s)	3,119	49.8	437	28.1	64.8	3,017	48.8	459	31.2	66.7
In families maintained by men	938	60.3	76	13.4	53.9	1,053	65.3	105	15.3	50.5
Householder	498	67.5	27	8.0	([1])	559	69.4	41	10.7	([1])
Other family member(s)	440	52.3	49	21.5	([1])	494	60.8	64	21.2	68.1
Hispanic origin										
In families	11,954	63.2	775	10.3	66.7	12,476	64.5	973	12.1	64.3
In married-couple families	8,868	64.7	538	9.4	73.2	9,145	66.5	656	10.8	68.9
Husbands	3,386	82.9	238	8.5	61.5	3,454	83.9	277	9.6	51.4
Wives	3,484	51.7	138	7.6	75.4	3,505	53.1	170	9.1	75.3
Other family member(s)	1,998	56.2	162	14.4	88.7	2,186	60.6	209	15.8	87.4
In families maintained by women	2,207	52.8	141	12.1	48.9	2,426	53.6	214	16.4	50.9
Householder	1,179	51.0	59	9.8	([1])	1,262	52.5	81	12.2	21.4
Other family member(s)	1,028	54.9	82	14.5	62.2	1,164	54.8	133	20.8	68.9
In families maintained by men	879	73.9	96	14.8	56.3	905	72.6	105	16.0	61.9
Householder	368	87.0	36	11.4	([1])	415	83.3	44	12.6	([1])
Other family member(s)	511	64.5	60	18.2	64.3	490	63.3	61	19.6	80.9

[1] Data not shown where base is less than 60,000.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	I 1991	I 1992	I 1991	I 1992	I 1991	I 1992
TOTAL						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	43,258	43,668	100.0	100.0	$664	$680
One earner	18,618	18,860	43.0	43.2	398	402
Two or more earners	24,640	24,808	57.0	56.8	877	899
Married-couple families	33,771	34,011	100.0	100.0	751	769
One earner	12,240	12,099	36.2	35.6	452	464
Husband	8,808	8,416	26.1	24.7	541	556
Wife	2,728	2,955	8.1	8.7	269	291
Other family member	704	728	2.1	2.1	262	287
Two or more earners	21,531	21,913	63.8	64.4	909	930
Husband and wife only	15,869	16,084	47.0	47.3	884	909
Husband, wife, and other family member(s)	3,322	3,389	9.8	10.0	1,148	1,190
Husband and other family member(s)	1,571	1,610	4.7	4.7	830	809
Wife and other family member(s)	576	632	1.7	1.9	586	592
Other family members only	192	198	.6	.6	657	643
Families maintained by women	7,432	7,455	100.0	100.0	386	389
One earner	5,069	5,348	68.2	71.7	308	309
Householder	4,066	4,273	54.7	57.3	317	320
Other family member	1,003	1,075	13.5	14.4	270	266
Two or more earners	2,363	2,107	31.8	28.3	611	639
Families maintained by men	2,055	2,202	100.0	100.0	531	508
One earner	1,309	1,413	63.7	64.2	413	405
Householder	1,046	1,164	50.9	52.9	463	430
Other family member	263	249	12.8	11.3	282	277
Two or more earners	747	789	36.3	35.8	739	731
White						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	36,698	37,076	100.0	100.0	694	710
One earner	15,400	15,567	42.0	42.0	418	425
Two or more earners	21,299	21,510	58.0	58.0	893	917
Married-couple families	29,916	30,137	100.0	100.0	766	783
One earner	10,929	10,774	36.5	35.8	471	480
Husband	7,976	7,605	26.7	25.2	557	571
Wife	2,341	2,551	7.8	8.5	270	296
Two or more earners	18,987	19,363	63.5	64.2	919	943
Husband and wife only	14,030	14,255	46.9	47.3	894	922
Families maintained by women	5,167	5,182	100.0	100.0	402	410
One earner	3,457	3,641	66.9	70.3	319	325
Two or more earners	1,710	1,541	33.1	29.7	622	645
Families maintained by men	1,616	1,757	100.0	100.0	559	522
One earner	1,014	1,151	62.8	65.5	434	420
Two or more earners	602	606	37.2	34.5	765	770
Black						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	5,126	5,081	100.0	100.0	481	481
One earner	2,623	2,619	51.2	51.5	294	286
Two or more earners	2,503	2,463	48.8	48.5	712	743
Married-couple families	2,728	2,700	100.0	100.0	626	641
One earner	887	877	32.5	32.5	316	303
Husband	507	472	18.6	17.5	382	356
Wife	307	327	11.3	12.1	263	265
Two or more earners	1,842	1,823	67.5	67.5	773	782
Husband and wife only	1,350	1,309	49.5	48.5	746	763
Families maintained by women	2,029	2,010	100.0	100.0	333	324
One earner	1,467	1,526	72.3	75.9	273	274
Two or more earners	561	484	27.7	24.1	587	627
Families maintained by men	369	372	100.0	100.0	412	446
One earner	269	216	72.9	58.0	324	327
Two or more earners	100	156	27.1	42.0	610	630

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earninga, quarterly averagea, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	I 1991	I 1992	I 1991	I 1992	I 1991	I 1992
Hispanic origin						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	3,592	3,676	100.0	100.0	$496	$498
One earner	1,772	1,717	49.3	46.7	305	311
Two or more earners	1,820	1,959	50.7	53.3	703	704
Married-couple families	2,657	2,652	100.0	100.0	543	564
One earner	1,222	1,046	46.0	39.4	329	347
Husband	889	800	33.5	30.2	379	388
Wife	218	154	8.2	5.8	222	241
Two or more earners	1,435	1,606	54.0	60.6	738	743
Husband and wife only	876	932	33.0	35.1	730	730
Families maintained by women	688	730	100.0	100.0	323	332
One earner	426	515	62.0	70.6	254	253
Two or more earners	262	214	38.0	29.4	543	579
Families maintained by men	247	295	100.0	100.0	521	419
One earner	124	156	50.2	52.9	313	321
Two or more earners	123	139	49.8	47.1	658	511

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 7. Families with unemployed membera and wage and salary earners by type of family and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averagea, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	I 1991	I 1992	I 1991	I 1992	I 1991	I 1992
Families with unemployment and wage and salary earners[1]	3,964	4,300	—	—	$423	$445
Married-couple families	3,123	3,319	100.0	100.0	451	484
Husband unemployed	1,252	1,374	40.1	41.4	300	308
Wife only earner	977	1,059	31.3	31.9	278	286
Wife and other earner(s)	163	221	5.2	6.7	516	609
Other earners only	111	94	3.6	2.8	200	([2])
Wife unemployed	937	927	30.0	27.9	461	518
Husband only earner	798	778	25.5	23.4	423	491
Husband and other earner(s)	119	132	3.8	4.0	767	727
Other earners only	20	17	.6	.5	([2])	([2])
Other members unemployed	934	1,018	29.9	30.7	780	777
Husband or wife earners	340	377	10.9	11.3	504	496
Both husband and wife earners	563	601	18.0	18.1	980	918
Other combinations of earners	32	40	1.0	1.2	([2])	([2])
Families maintained by women[1]	630	752	100.0	100.0	330	331
Householder unemployed	101	101	16.0	13.4	167	204
Other member(s) unemployed	529	651	84.0	86.6	367	355
Families maintained by men[1]	212	229	100.0	100.0	483	404
Householder unemployed	65	62	30.7	26.9	([2])	([2])
Other member(s) unemployed	147	167	69.3	73.1	540	423

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

[2] Data not shown where base is less than 100,000.

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EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES: FOURTH QUARTER 1991

Nearly 6 million families--8.9 percent of all families--had an unemployed member in the fourth quarter of 1991, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. This was 770,000 more than in the fourth quarter of 1990. More than 1.7 million of the families with unemployment had no employed members, an increase of about 260,000 over the past year.

The median earnings of families with wage and salary earners rose by 2.9 percent to $676 a week over the same period. This was about equal to the 3.0 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). Other fourth-quarter 1991 highlights were:

---A total of 53.2 million families had at least one employed member in the fourth quarter. Of this number, 49.5 million had at least one member working full time, about 300,000 fewer than a year before. (See tables A and 1.)

---About 7 out of 10 families with unemployment also contained an employed member. Among married-couple families with unemployment, 80 percent had an employed member compared with just 45 percent of families maintained by women. (See tables A and 3.)

---There were 11.3 million families with no members in the labor force. This was 425,000 more than a year ago, a much larger increase than the average in recent years. (See tables A and 1.)

---Of the 32.2 million families with children (under 18 years of age), about 2.4 million had at least one unemployed parent, an increase of 330,000 over the year. Families with preschoolers accounted for a little over half of the rise. (See tables A and 4.)

---Median weekly earnings of married-couple families with wage and salary workers rose 3.7 percent over the year to $763. About two-thirds of these families had two or more earners and median earnings of $917 a week. Median earnings of families maintained by women ($382) remained about half those of married-couple families. Median earnings of white families ($705) continued to exceed those for black families ($482) and Hispanic families ($479). (See table 6.)

Annual averages for 1991

In addition to data for the fourth quarter of 1991, this release presents three tables with 1990 and 1991 annual averages on family employment patterns and weekly earnings. (See tables 8 through 10.)

Table A. Summary labor force characteristics of families, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	IV 1990	IV 1991	Change
Total families	65,742	66,302	560
With employed member(s)	53,334	53,212	-122
Percent of total families	81.1	80.3	-.8
With member(s) employed full time	49,806	49,512	-294
Percent of total families	75.8	74.7	-1.1
With unemployed member(s)	5,164	5,932	768
Percent with employed member(s)	71.2	70.6	-.6
Percent of total families	7.9	8.9	1.0
With unemployed member(s), none employed	1,488	1,745	257
Percent of total families	2.3	2.6	.3
With no members in labor force	10,920	11,345	425
Percent with all members 60 years and over	61.9	60.2	-1.7
Percent of total families	16.6	17.1	.5
With children under 18 years old	31,879	32,176	297
Percent with employed parent(s)	88.4	87.3	-1.1
Percent with employed mother	61.5	61.4	-.1
Percent of total families	48.5	48.5	.0
With children under 6 year old	14,873	14,870	-3
Percent with employed parent(s)	86.6	84.9	-1.7
Percent with employed mother	53.2	53.1	-.1
Percent of total families	22.6	22.4	-.2

Explanatory Note

The estimates in this release were obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), which provides basic information on the labor force, employment, and unemployment. The survey is conducted monthly for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by the Bureau of the Census from a scientifically selected national sample of about 60,000 households, with coverage in all 50 States and the District of Columbia. The earnings data are collected from one-quarter of the CPS monthly sample and are limited to wages and salaries. The data, therefore, exclude self-employment income.

Information in this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: 202-523-1221, TDD phone: 202-523-3926, TDD Message Referral Phone Number: 1-800-326-2577.

Reliability

In any sample survey, variations in the data can occur by chance because a sample, rather than the whole of the population, is surveyed. The standard error is a measure of such potential variation. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the survey differs from a figure that would be obtained from a complete census by less than one standard error. The chances are about 90 out of 100 that such a difference would be less than 1.6 standard errors. All statements of comparisons in the text of this release are significant at 1.6 or more standard errors.

Standard errors for numbers and proportions of families can be approximated using tables found in the Household Data section of the Explanatory Notes in *Employment and Earnings*. Representative standard errors for median family earnings are available from BLS upon request.

Definitions

The principal definitions used in this release are described briefly below.

Family. A family is a group of two or more persons residing together who are related by blood, marriage, or adoption. The count of families is for "primary" families only, that is, the householder and all other persons related to and residing with the householder. Not included are unrelated subfamilies. Families are classified either as married-couple families or families maintained by women or men without spouses.

Householder. A householder is the person in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented.

Employed. Employed persons are those who during the survey week: (a) Did any work at all as paid employees; (b) worked in their own business or profession or on their own farms; or (c) worked 15 hours or more as an unpaid worker in a family-operated enterprise. Also included are those who were temporarily absent from their jobs because of illness, vacation, bad weather, labor-management disputes, or personal reasons.

Unemployed. The unemployed are persons who had no employment during the survey week, were available for work at that time, and made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the prior 4 weeks. Persons laid off from their former jobs and awaiting recall and those expecting to report to a job within 30 days need not be looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

Wage and salary workers. Workers who receive wages, salaries, commissions, tips, payment in kind, or piece rates. Persons who report themselves as self-employed, including those whose businesses are incorporated, are excluded from coverage in these earnings data.

Usual weekly earnings. Data on usual weekly earnings are provided from responses to the question, "How much does...USUALLY earn per week at this job before deductions? Include any overtime pay, commissions, or tips usually received." The response is for the worker's sole or principal job, and the term "usual" is as perceived by the respondent. If the respondent asks for a definition of "usual," interviewers are instructed to define the term as more than half the weeks worked during the past 4 or 5 months.

Median weekly earnings. The median of weekly earnings is the value at which 50 percent of the earnings distribution lies above and 50 percent lies below. The estimating procedure places each reported earnings value into intervals which are centered around multiples of $50. The actual value is calculated through linear interpolation of the interval in which the median lies.

Over-the-year changes in the medians for component groups may not necessarily be consistent with the changes estimated for the overall median and therefore are not presented in this release. Circumstances under which this can occur include: (1) Even though medians of component groups may rise, if the lower-earnings group accounts for a sufficiently increased share of the total, the overall median can rise less than for any of the groups; and (2) survey observations tend to be clustered at rounded values, such as $250, $300, and $400, and an estimated median lying in a $50-wide centered interval containing such a cluster changes more slowly than one in non-clustered intervals. For example, if the medians for component groups are not in a cluster but the overall group median is, then the increase in the overall median will be less than for the components.

Table 1. Families by employment status of members, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	IV 1990	IV 1991	IV 1990	IV 1991
TOTAL				
Total families	65,742	66,302	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	10,920	11,345	16.6	17.1
With at least one member in the labor force	54,822	54,957	83.4	82.9
No member employed	1,488	1,745	2.3	2.6
Some member employed	53,334	53,212	81.1	80.3
No one unemployed	49,658	49,025	75.5	73.9
One or more employed full time	46,554	45,795	70.8	69.1
Some member unemployed	3,676	4,187	5.6	6.3
One or more employed full time	3,252	3,717	4.9	5.6
White				
Total families	56,211	56,599	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	9,117	9,493	16.2	16.8
With at least one member in the labor force	47,094	47,106	83.8	83.2
No member employed	968	1,195	1.7	2.1
Some member employed	46,126	45,911	82.1	81.1
No one unemployed	43,266	42,563	77.0	75.2
One or more employed full time	40,651	39,881	72.3	70.5
Some member unemployed	2,860	3,348	5.1	5.9
One or more employed full time	2,540	2,976	4.5	5.3
Black				
Total families	7,417	7,507	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	1,529	1,578	20.6	21.0
With at least one member in the labor force	5,887	5,930	79.4	79.0
No member employed	462	475	6.2	6.3
Some member employed	5,426	5,454	73.2	72.7
No one unemployed	4,761	4,771	64.2	63.6
One or more employed full time	4,378	4,336	59.0	57.8
Some member unemployed	665	683	9.0	9.1
One or more employed full time	578	607	7.8	8.1
Hispanic origin				
Total families	4,879	5,064	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	712	801	14.6	15.8
With at least one member in the labor force	4,167	4,262	85.4	84.2
No member employed	167	214	3.4	4.2
Some member employed	4,000	4,049	82.0	80.0
No one unemployed	3,574	3,528	73.3	69.7
One or more employed full time	3,375	3,332	69.2	65.8
Some member unemployed	426	521	8.7	10.3
One or more employed full time	377	483	7.7	9.5

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

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Table 2. Families by employment status of members and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	IV 1990	IV 1991	IV 1990	IV 1991
Married-couple families	51,495	51,595	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	7,804	8,014	15.2	15.5
With at least one member in the labor force	43,691	43,581	84.8	84.5
No member employed	615	765	1.2	1.5
Some member employed	43,075	42,816	83.6	83.0
Husband only	10,859	10,613	21.1	20.6
Wife only	2,698	2,932	5.2	5.7
Husband and wife	25,868	25,671	50.2	49.8
Husband and wife only	21,179	20,967	41.1	40.6
Other combinations	3,650	3,600	7.1	7.0
Families maintained by women	11,339	11,699	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	2,792	2,956	24.6	25.3
With at least one member in the labor force	8,547	8,743	75.4	74.7
No member employed	734	798	6.5	6.8
Some member employed	7,813	7,945	68.9	67.9
Householder employed	6,421	6,553	56.6	56.0
Householder only	4,106	4,263	36.2	36.4
Householder and other(s)	2,315	2,290	20.4	19.6
Other combinations	1,392	1,392	12.3	11.9
Families maintained by men	2,908	3,009	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	324	376	11.1	12.5
With at least one member in the labor force	2,584	2,633	88.9	87.5
No member employed	138	182	4.7	6.0
Some member employed	2,446	2,451	84.1	81.5
Householder employed	2,131	2,075	73.3	69.0
Householder only	1,193	1,218	41.0	40.5
Householder and other(s)	938	856	32.3	28.4
Other combinations	315	377	10.8	12.5

Table 3. Families with unemployed members by type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	IV 1990	IV 1991	IV 1990	IV 1991
Families with unemployment	5,164	5,932	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	3,676	4,187	71.2	70.6
With no members employed	1,488	1,745	28.8	29.4
Married-couple families	3,462	4,069	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	2,847	3,304	82.2	81.2
With no members employed	615	765	17.8	18.8
With husband unemployed	1,376	1,640	39.7	40.3
Wife employed	839	1,007	24.2	24.7
Other(s) employed	77	87	2.2	2.1
No one employed	460	547	13.3	13.4
With wife unemployed	1,036	1,160	29.9	28.5
Husband employed	953	1,041	27.5	25.6
Other(s) employed	15	22	.4	.5
No one employed	67	97	1.9	2.4
With other member(s) unemployed	1,050	1,269	30.3	31.2
Families maintained by women	1,389	1,461	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	655	663	47.2	45.4
With no members employed	734	798	52.8	54.6
With householder unemployed	597	651	43.0	44.6
Other(s) employed	102	96	7.3	6.6
No one employed	494	555	35.6	38.0
With other member(s) unemployed	792	810	57.0	55.4
Families maintained by men	313	402	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	175	220	55.9	54.7
With no members employed	138	182	44.1	45.3
With householder unemployed	148	207	47.3	51.5
Other(s) employed	45	71	14.4	17.7
No one employed	102	137	32.6	34.1
With other member(s) unemployed	165	195	52.7	48.5

Table 4. Families with children under 18 years old by the employment status of parent(s) and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(In thousands)

Characteristic	IV 1990			IV 1991		
	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 8 years old	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old
Total families	31,879	17,006	14,873	32,176	17,306	14,870
Married-couple families	23,879	12,333	11,546	23,850	12,407	11,442
With employed parent(s)	23,024	11,877	11,147	22,841	11,905	10,934
Neither unemployed	21,942	11,313	10,629	21,816	11,276	10,340
Father employed	8,962	2,709	4,253	8,662	2,643	4,020
Mother employed	562	370	192	551	360	191
Both employed	14,418	8,234	6,184	14,403	8,273	6,129
One unemployed	1,082	564	518	1,225	630	594
Father unemployed	465	265	200	562	323	238
Mother unemployed	617	299	318	663	307	356
With no employed parent	855	456	399	1,010	502	508
Father unemployed	272	105	187	329	110	219
Mother unemployed	38	20	18	52	36	16
Both unemployed	80	44	36	100	48	52
Neither in labor force	485	287	178	529	308	221
Families maintained by women	8,795	3,975	2,819	7,072	4,119	2,953
Mother employed	4,150	2,821	1,329	4,235	2,901	1,335
Mother not employed	2,645	1,154	1,491	2,837	1,218	1,818
Unemployed	483	238	245	549	275	274
Not in labor force	2,182	918	1,246	2,288	943	1,344
Families maintained by men	1,205	697	507	1,254	780	474
Father employed	1,001	589	411	1,005	644	361
Father not employed	204	108	96	249	137	113
Unemployed	87	41	46	117	59	58
Not in labor force	117	87	50	132	78	55
Total families with unemployed parents	2,042	1,012	1,030	2,372	1,158	1,213

Table 5. Employment status of persons in families by family relationship, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	IV 1990					IV 1991				
	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed			Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed		
			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)
TOTAL										
In families	149,832	66.6	5,686	5.7	69.8	150,653	66.3	6,566	6.8	69.0
In married-couple families	123,130	67.3	3,777	4.6	80.0	123,407	67.2	4,504	5.4	79.1
Husbands	51,495	78.0	1,376	3.4	66.6	51,595	77.4	1,640	4.1	66.7
Wives	51,495	58.9	1,158	3.8	85.0	51,595	59.2	1,315	4.3	82.9
Other family member(s)	20,140	61.5	1,243	10.0	90.2	20,217	61.6	1,549	12.4	89.2
In families maintained by women	20,992	60.9	1,561	12.2	48.3	21,439	60.0	1,628	12.6	45.1
Householder	11,339	61.9	597	8.5	17.2	11,699	61.6	651	9.0	14.7
Other family member(s)	9,653	59.8	964	16.7	67.6	9,740	58.1	975	17.2	65.5
In families maintained by men	5,711	70.9	349	8.6	54.7	5,809	69.3	436	10.8	53.7
Householder	2,908	78.4	148	6.5	30.7	3,009	75.8	207	9.1	34.1
Other family member(s)	2,803	63.1	201	11.4	72.8	2,800	62.4	229	13.1	71.3
White										
In families	127,953	67.2	4,145	4.8	73.1	128,507	66.9	4,967	5.8	72.0
In married-couple families	109,689	67.3	3,094	4.2	79.8	109,772	67.3	3,749	5.1	78.7
Husbands	46,338	78.0	1,149	3.2	65.7	46,356	77.4	1,413	3.9	65.9
Wives	46,363	58.3	976	3.6	85.9	46,379	58.7	1,114	4.1	83.1
Other family member(s)	16,988	63.1	969	9.0	90.2	17,037	63.2	1,222	11.3	89.4
In families maintained by women	13,779	63.9	802	9.1	53.2	14,212	63.0	887	9.9	49.8
Householder	7,558	63.9	303	6.3	23.8	7,863	63.3	343	6.9	20.3
Other family member(s)	6,221	63.8	499	12.6	71.1	6,349	62.5	544	13.7	68.6
In families maintained by men	4,485	72.8	250	7.7	53.6	4,523	69.8	331	10.5	55.9
Householder	2,294	80.1	110	6.0	29.5	2,356	76.3	163	9.1	34.5
Other family member(s)	2,191	65.2	140	9.8	72.9	2,167	62.8	168	12.4	76.8
Black										
In families	16,511	62.6	1,315	12.7	59.8	16,532	61.9	1,335	13.0	58.5
In married-couple families	9,091	68.0	513	8.3	83.0	9,067	87.0	582	9.8	84.0
Husbands	3,537	76.7	171	6.3	72.6	3,534	75.6	160	6.0	75.2
Wives	3,434	68.8	121	5.3	83.6	3,417	68.2	161	7.1	82.9
Other family member(s)	2,120	55.4	221	18.9	90.8	2,116	54.0	261	22.8	90.0
In families maintained by women	6,491	55.0	722	20.2	43.1	6,492	53.9	668	19.1	37.9
Householder	3,416	57.8	279	14.1	10.0	3,461	57.5	279	14.0	6.9
Other family member(s)	3,075	51.8	443	27.9	63.8	3,031	49.8	389	25.7	60.3
In families maintained by men	929	62.9	79	13.5	62.0	973	68.0	86	13.0	45.3
Householder	483	71.2	30	8.8	(1)	526	72.3	38	9.9	(1)
Other family member(s)	446	53.9	49	20.6	(1)	447	62.7	48	17.0	(1)
Hispanic origin										
In families	12,015	64.0	656	8.5	70.7	12,264	64.2	808	10.3	69.5
In married-couple families	8,964	65.5	446	7.6	76.2	8,894	66.3	556	9.4	73.9
Husbands	3,392	84.0	179	6.3	58.7	3,377	83.5	228	8.1	57.0
Wives	3,457	50.9	118	6.7	83.5	3,451	52.2	145	8.0	79.2
Other family member(s)	2,115	59.6	149	11.8	91.8	2,066	61.9	183	14.3	90.7
In families maintained by women	2,271	53.7	151	12.4	59.6	2,436	53.5	161	12.3	54.0
Householder	1,170	51.3	52	8.6	(1)	1,273	52.2	63	9.5	24.8
Other family member(s)	1,101	56.2	99	16.0	74.9	1,163	55.0	98	15.3	73.0
In families maintained by men	780	76.0	60	10.1	56.7	934	71.6	91	13.6	70.3
Householder	342	85.0	27	9.2	(1)	424	81.1	40	11.7	(1)
Other family member(s)	438	69.1	33	11.0	(1)	510	63.8	51	15.7	(1)

[1] Data not shown where base is less than 60,000.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	IV 1990	IV 1991	IV 1990	IV 1991	IV 1990	IV 1991
TOTAL						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	43,842	43,975	100.0	100.0	$657	$676
One earner	18,587	18,775	42.4	42.7	395	399
Two or more earners	25,255	25,200	57.6	57.3	850	883
Married-couple families	34,355	34,255	100.0	100.0	736	763
One earner	12,259	12,251	35.7	35.8	457	465
Husband	8,899	8,652	25.9	25.3	523	557
Wife	2,583	2,793	7.5	8.2	269	284
Other family member	777	806	2.3	2.4	288	282
Two or more earners	22,096	22,004	64.3	64.2	882	917
Husband and wife only	16,195	16,245	47.1	47.4	851	898
Husband, wife, and other family member(s)	3,526	3,461	10.3	10.1	1,149	1,143
Husband and other family member(s)	1,643	1,563	4.8	4.6	818	816
Wife and other family member(s)	537	584	1.6	1.7	543	582
Other family members only	195	150	.6	.4	617	524
Families maintained by women	7,299	7,544	100.0	100.0	360	382
One earner	5,013	5,153	68.7	68.3	288	303
Householder	3,913	4,082	53.6	54.1	300	314
Other family member	1,100	1,070	15.1	14.2	245	272
Two or more earners	2,287	2,391	31.3	31.7	600	610
Families maintained by men	2,187	2,176	100.0	100.0	518	507
One earner	1,315	1,371	60.1	63.0	403	388
Householder	1,084	1,064	49.6	48.9	431	429
Other family member	231	307	10.6	14.1	306	272
Two or more earners	872	805	39.9	37.0	792	711
White						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	37,447	37,366	100.0	100.0	684	705
One earner	15,416	15,522	41.2	41.5	417	420
Two or more earners	22,031	21,845	58.8	58.5	866	901
Married-couple families	30,562	30,308	100.0	100.0	748	777
One earner	10,934	10,864	35.8	35.8	473	481
Husband	8,113	7,825	26.5	25.8	538	575
Wife	2,168	2,368	7.1	7.8	269	284
Two or more earners	19,628	19,444	64.2	64.2	894	930
Husband and wife only	14,471	14,386	47.3	47.5	863	910
Families maintained by women	5,143	5,339	100.0	100.0	381	400
One earner	3,479	3,593	67.6	67.3	299	320
Two or more earners	1,664	1,746	32.4	32.7	605	607
Families maintained by men	1,743	1,718	100.0	100.0	542	519
One earner	1,003	1,064	57.6	61.9	414	405
Two or more earners	740	654	42.4	38.1	776	723
Black						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	4,961	5,115	100.0	100.0	468	482
One earner	2,545	2,582	51.3	50.5	284	289
Two or more earners	2,417	2,533	48.7	49.5	720	737
Married-couple families	2,662	2,755	100.0	100.0	616	633
One earner	874	892	32.8	32.4	308	311
Husband	471	455	17.7	16.5	355	378
Wife	340	340	12.8	12.4	254	287
Two or more earners	1,788	1,862	67.2	67.6	766	790
Husband and wife only	1,268	1,399	47.6	50.8	719	766
Families maintained by women	1,946	1,993	100.0	100.0	309	327
One earner	1,417	1,425	72.8	71.5	259	264
Two or more earners	530	568	27.2	28.5	566	611
Families maintained by men	353	367	100.0	100.0	434	380
One earner	254	265	72.0	72.1	347	331
Two or more earners	99	102	28.0	27.9	([2])	657

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	IV 1990	IV 1991	IV 1990	IV 1991	IV 1990	IV 1991
Hispanic origin						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	3,653	3,655	100.0	100.0	$491	$479
One earner	1,685	1,714	46.1	46.9	300	301
Two or more earners	1,968	1,941	53.9	53.1	693	683
Married-couple families	2,651	2,550	100.0	100.0	549	526
One earner	1,054	1,055	39.8	41.4	317	310
Husband	820	797	30.9	31.3	343	323
Wife	159	183	6.0	7.2	222	258
Two or more earners	1,596	1,495	60.2	58.6	726	722
Husband and wife only	938	904	35.4	35.5	695	716
Families maintained by women	684	754	100.0	100.0	309	361
One earner	463	464	67.7	61.5	233	276
Two or more earners	221	290	32.3	38.5	523	548
Families maintained by men	318	351	100.0	100.0	446	426
One earner	167	195	52.6	55.6	320	302
Two or more earners	151	156	47.4	44.4	552	556

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

[2] Data not shown where base is less than 100,000.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 7. Families with unemployed members and wage and salary earners by type of family and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	IV 1990	IV 1991	IV 1990	IV 1991	IV 1990	IV 1991
Families with unemployment and wage and salary earners[1]	3,294	3,854	--	--	$428	$450
Married-couple families	2,498	3,052	100.0	100.0	489	491
Husband unemployed	858	1,095	34.4	35.9	315	340
Wife only earner	652	811	26.1	26.6	289	314
Wife and other earner(s)	132	192	5.3	6.3	501	515
Other earners only	74	92	3.0	3.0	([2])	([2])
Wife unemployed	846	976	33.9	32.0	504	492
Husband only earner	677	806	27.1	26.4	433	456
Husband and other earner(s)	152	140	6.1	4.6	868	738
Other earners only	16	30	.7	1.0	([2])	([2])
Other members unemployed	794	981	31.8	32.1	710	728
Husband or wife earners	306	404	12.3	13.2	526	555
Both husband and wife earners	441	552	17.7	18.1	841	873
Other combinations of earners	47	24	1.9	.8	([2])	([2])
Families maintained by women[1]	644	603	100.0	100.0	311	359
Householder unemployed	108	98	16.7	16.3	195	([2])
Other member(s) unemployed	536	504	83.3	83.7	337	384
Families maintained by men[1]	152	199	100.0	100.0	374	331
Householder unemployed	50	57	33.1	28.9	([2])	([2])
Other member(s) unemployed	102	141	66.9	71.1	400	401

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

[2] Data not shown where base is less than 100,000.

Table 8. Families by employment status of members and type of family, annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	1990	1991	1990	1991
Married-couple families	51,365	51,518	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	7,803	8,027	15.2	15.6
With at least one member in the labor force	43,562	43,491	84.8	84.4
No member employed	600	810	1.2	1.6
Some member employed	42,962	42,681	83.6	82.8
Husband only	10,895	10,742	21.2	20.9
Wife only	2,580	2,822	5.0	5.5
Husband and wife	25,732	25,477	50.1	49.5
Husband and wife only	20,818	20,762	40.5	40.3
Other combinations	3,754	3,638	7.3	7.1
Families maintained by women	11,154	11,528	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	2,734	2,907	24.5	25.2
With at least one member in the labor force	8,420	8,620	75.5	74.8
No member employed	688	779	6.2	6.8
Some member employed	7,732	7,842	69.3	68.0
Householder employed	6,357	6,457	57.0	56.0
Householder only	4,069	4,189	36.5	36.3
Householder and other(s)	2,287	2,268	20.5	19.7
Other combinations	1,375	1,384	12.3	12.0
Families maintained by men	2,961	2,999	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	319	353	10.8	11.8
With at least one member in the labor force	2,642	2,647	89.2	88.3
No member employed	121	173	4.1	5.8
Some member employed	2,522	2,473	85.2	82.5
Householder employed	2,194	2,113	74.1	70.5
Householder only	1,227	1,198	41.4	39.9
Householder and other(s)	967	916	32.7	30.5
Other combinations	328	360	11.1	12.0

Table 9. Families with children under 18 years old by the employment status of parent(s) and type of family, annual averages

(In thousands)

Characteristic	1990			1991		
	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old
Total families	31,858	16,951	14,905	32,101	17,141	14,960
Married-couple families	23,928	12,255	11,672	23,886	12,323	11,563
With employed parent(s)	23,072	11,818	11,255	22,867	11,820	11,047
Neither unemployed	22,037	11,294	10,743	21,645	11,196	10,449
Father employed	7,140	2,828	4,314	6,874	2,748	4,126
Mother employed	535	358	177	533	351	182
Both employed	14,362	8,110	8,252	14,238	8,097	8,141
One unemployed	1,034	522	511	1,222	624	598
Father unemployed	449	238	212	560	314	246
Mother unemployed	585	286	299	662	310	352
With no employed parent	858	439	417	1,017	502	516
Father unemployed	259	89	170	350	126	224
Mother unemployed	31	18	13	47	29	18
Both unemployed	73	38	35	97	45	53
Neither in labor force	493	294	199	523	302	221
Families maintained by women	6,711	3,970	2,741	6,978	4,080	2,918
Mother employed	4,134	2,827	1,307	4,186	2,858	1,328
Mother not employed	2,578	1,143	1,434	2,792	1,202	1,590
Unemployed	475	242	232	539	273	266
Not in labor force	2,103	901	1,202	2,253	929	1,324
Families maintained by men	1,217	725	492	1,238	758	480
Father employed	1,048	626	422	1,008	631	377
Father not employed	169	99	70	230	127	103
Unemployed	66	35	31	110	56	55
Not in labor force	103	64	39	120	71	48
Total families with unemployed parents	1,938	944	992	2,365	1,153	1,214

Table 10. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
TOTAL						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	43,759	43,530	100.0	100.0	$653	$669
One earner	18,500	18,604	42.3	42.7	391	397
Two or more earners	25,259	24,927	57.7	57.3	848	878
Married-couple families	34,219	33,930	100.0	100.0	732	754
One earner	12,166	12,177	35.6	35.9	455	455
Husband	8,994	8,784	26.3	25.9	520	532
Wife	2,407	2,636	7.0	7.8	267	279
Other family member	764	757	2.2	2.2	280	278
Two or more earners	22,053	21,753	64.4	64.1	880	911
Husband and wife only	15,934	15,923	46.6	46.9	844	884
Husband, wife, and other family member(s)	3,665	3,472	10.7	10.2	1,144	1,161
Husband and other family member(s)	1,751	1,637	5.1	4.8	825	838
Wife and other family member(s)	527	557	1.5	1.6	557	589
Other family members only	176	163	.5	.5	554	617
Families maintained by women	7,323	7,441	100.0	100.0	363	385
One earner	4,983	5,090	68.0	68.4	288	306
Householder	3,937	4,045	53.8	54.4	296	315
Other family member	1,045	1,045	14.3	14.0	254	270
Two or more earners	2,340	2,351	32.0	31.6	607	622
Families maintained by men	2,218	2,159	100.0	100.0	514	514
One earner	1,352	1,337	61.0	61.9	396	404
Householder	1,103	1,058	49.7	49.0	421	449
Other family member	249	278	11.2	12.9	285	267
Two or more earners	866	822	39.0	38.1	778	736
White						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	37,239	36,978	100.0	100.0	681	695
One earner	15,309	15,395	41.1	41.6	414	417
Two or more earners	21,930	21,584	58.9	58.4	865	895
Married-couple families	30,361	30,069	100.0	100.0	745	767
One earner	10,856	10,851	35.8	36.1	473	474
Husband	8,162	7,953	26.9	26.5	535	549
Wife	2,044	2,252	6.7	7.5	270	280
Two or more earners	19,505	19,218	64.2	63.9	892	922
Husband and wife only	14,148	14,098	46.6	46.9	855	895
Families maintained by women	5,127	5,209	100.0	100.0	382	399
One earner	3,419	3,504	66.7	67.3	299	317
Two or more earners	1,709	1,705	33.3	32.7	615	628
Families maintained by men	1,751	1,701	100.0	100.0	539	529
One earner	1,035	1,039	59.1	61.1	413	418
Two or more earners	716	661	40.9	38.9	790	753
Black						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	5,082	5,098	100.0	100.0	459	484
One earner	2,594	2,588	51.0	50.8	281	293
Two or more earners	2,488	2,510	49.0	49.2	704	723
Married-couple families	2,724	2,735	100.0	100.0	601	625
One earner	893	897	32.8	32.8	304	313
Husband	527	503	19.3	18.4	345	366
Wife	290	312	10.7	11.4	243	272
Two or more earners	1,831	1,838	67.2	67.2	748	776
Husband and wife only	1,297	1,362	47.6	49.8	713	756
Families maintained by women	1,986	2,003	100.0	100.0	314	339
One earner	1,438	1,440	72.4	71.9	261	274
Two or more earners	548	563	27.6	28.1	570	599
Families maintained by men	372	360	100.0	100.0	397	401
One earner	263	251	70.7	69.7	331	317
Two or more earners	109	109	29.3	30.3	669	620

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 10. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, annual averages —Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
Hispanic origin						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	3,624	3,636	100.0	100.0	$496	$495
One earner	1,648	1,715	45.5	47.2	301	307
Two or more earners	1,976	1,921	54.5	52.8	690	694
Married-couple families	2,599	2,599	100.0	100.0	555	546
One earner	1,050	1,102	40.4	42.4	322	322
Husband	814	850	31.3	32.7	356	355
Wife	164	176	6.3	6.8	236	235
Two or more earners	1,549	1,497	59.6	57.6	716	732
Husband and wife only	924	917	35.5	35.3	672	713
Families maintained by women	691	701	100.0	100.0	326	343
One earner	447	450	64.7	64.3	247	268
Two or more earners	244	250	35.3	35.7	566	559
Families maintained by men	334	337	100.0	100.0	468	462
One earner	151	163	45.3	48.5	299	311
Two or more earners	183	173	54.7	51.5	614	592

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

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EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES: THIRD QUARTER 1991

Nearly 1 family in 10--6 million families in all--was affected by unemployment in the third quarter of 1991, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Reflecting the deterioration of the economy between 1990 and 1991, the number of families with at least one unemployed member rose by about a million between the third quarters of these 2 years.

Over the same period, the median weekly earnings of families with members employed as wage and salary workers rose by 1.8 percent to $671. This was less than half of the 3.9 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). Other third-quarter 1991 highlights were:

---The number of families with at least one member employed full time decreased over the year. At 49.8 million in the third quarter of 1991, there were 360,000 fewer such families than a year earlier. (See tables A and 1.)

---The labor market situation for married-couple families was affected substantially by the recession. The number with at least one member unemployed--but no one employed--rose by 220,000 over the year, reaching 770,000 in the third quarter of 1991. Additionally, the number of married-couple families in which no member was in the labor force (neither employed nor unemployed) grew by about 400,000 to reach 8.1 million. (See table 2.)

---About 71 percent of the families affected by unemployment in the third quarter had at least one employed member, a somewhat smaller proportion than a year earlier. Married-couple families with an unemployed family member were much more likely to have an employed member than families maintained by women, 81 versus 48 percent. (See tables A and 3.)

---About 2.3 million families with children had at least one unemployed parent, an increase of 350,000 over the year. About two-thirds of the rise was among families with school-age children. (See table 4.)

---Median weekly earnings of married-couple families with wage and salary workers rose 1.8 percent over the year to $755. Nearly two-thirds of these families had two or more earners; earnings for such families averaged $918 a week. Median earnings of families maintained by women ($383) remained about half those of married-couple families. Median

earnings of white families ($699) continued to exceed those for Hispanic families ($502) and black families ($468). (See table 6.)

---Median earnings for families with both employed and unemployed members were $478 a week. The amount of earnings varied greatly depending on which member of the family was unemployed. For example, among married-couple families, the median earnings were particularly low when the husband was unemployed. (See table 7.)

Table A. Summary labor force characteristics of families, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	III 1990	III 1991	Change
Total families	65,536	66,353	817
With employed member(s)	53,371	53,273	-98
Percent of total families	81.4	80.3	-1.1
With member(s) employed full time	50,110	49,754	-356
Percent of total families	76.5	75.0	-1.5
With unemployed member(s)	5,004	6,014	1,010
Percent with employed member(s)	72.3	71.2	-1.1
Percent of total families	7.6	9.1	1.5
With unemployed member(s), none employed	1,384	1,734	350
Percent of total families	2.1	2.6	.5
With no members in labor force	10,781	11,345	564
Percent with all members 60 years and over	61.2	60.8	-.4
Percent of total families	16.5	17.1	.6
With children under 18 years old	32,002	32,323	321
Percent with employed parent(s)	88.7	87.4	-1.3
Percent with employed mother	60.2	59.9	-.3
Percent of total families	48.8	48.7	-.1
With children under 6 year old	15,009	15,037	28
Percent with employed parent(s)	87.1	85.5	-1.6
Percent with employed mother	52.4	52.1	-.3
Percent of total families	22.9	22.7	-.2

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Explanatory Note

The estimates in this release were obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), which provides basic information on the labor force, employment, and unemployment. The survey is conducted monthly for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by the Bureau of the Census from a scientifically selected national sample of about 60,000 households, with coverage in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The earnings data are collected from one-quarter of the CPS monthly sample and are limited to wages and salaries. The data, therefore, exclude self-employed income.

Reliability

In any sample survey, variations in the data can occur by chance because a sample, rather than the whole of the population, is surveyed. The standard error is a measure of such potential variation. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the survey differs from a figure that would be obtained from a complete census by less than one standard error. The chances are about 90 out of 100 that such a difference would be less than 1.6 standard errors. All statements of comparisons in the text of this release are significant at 1.6 or more standard errors.

Standard errors for numbers and proportions of families can be approximated using tables found in the Household Data section of the Explanatory Notes in *Employment and Earnings*. Representative standard errors for median family earnings are available from BLS upon request.

Definitions

The principal definitions used in this release are described briefly below.

Family. A family is a group of two or more persons residing together who are related by blood, marriage, or adoption. The count of families is for "primary" families only, that is, the householder and all other persons related to and residing with the householder. Not included are unrelated subfamilies. Families are classified either as married-couple families or families maintained by women or men without spouses.

Householder. A householder is the person in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented.

Children. Children are defined as "own" children, that is never-married sons, daughters, stepchildren, and adopted children. Excluded are other related children, such as nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and cousins, and unrelated children.

Employed. Employed persons are all civilians who during the survey week: (a) Did any work at all as paid employees; (b) worked in their own business or profession or on their own farms; or (c) worked 15 hours or more as an unpaid worker in a family- operated enterprise. Also included are those who were temporarily absent from their jobs because of illness, vacation, bad weather, labor-management disputes, or personal reasons.

Full-time workers. Persons who usually work 35 hours or more per week on their sole or principal job. Persons who work less than 35 hours are part-time workers.

Unemployed. The unemployed are persons who had no employment during the survey week, were available for work at that time, and made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the prior 4 weeks. Persons laid off from their former jobs and awaiting recall and those expecting to report to a job within 30 days need not be looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

Civilian labor force. The civilian labor force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed.

Wage and salary workers. Workers who receive wages, salaries, commissions, tips, payment in kind, or piece rates. Persons who report themselves as self-employed, including those whose businesses are incorporated, are excluded from coverage in these earnings data.

Usual weekly earnings. Data on usual weekly earnings are provided from responses to the questions, "How much does...USUALLY earn per week at this job before deductions? Include any overtime pay, commissions, or tips usually received." The response is for the worker's sole or principal job, and the term "usual" is as perceived by the respondent. If the respondent asks for a definition of "usual," interviewers are instructed to define the term as more than half the weeks worked during the past 4 or 5 months.

Median weekly earnings. The median of weekly earnings is the value at which 50 percent of the earnings distribution lies above and 50 percent lies below. The estimating procedure places each reported earnings value into intervals which are centered around multiples of $50. The actual value is calculated through linear interpolation of the interval in which the median lies.

Over-the-year changes in the medians for component groups may not necessarily be consistent with the changes estimated for the overall median and therefore are not presented in this release. Circumstances under which this can occur include: (1) Even though medians of component groups may rise, if the lower-earnings group accounts for a sufficiently increased share of the total, the overall median can rise less than for any of the groups; and (2) survey observations tend to be clustered at rounded values, such as $250, $300, and $400, and an estimated median lying in a $50-wide centered interval containing such a cluster changes more slowly than one in non-clustered intervals. For example, if the medians for component groups are not in a cluster but the overall group median is, then the increase in the overall median will be less than for the components.

Table 1. Families by employment status of members, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	III 1990	III 1991	III 1990	III 1991
TOTAL				
Total families	65,536	66,353	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	10,781	11,345	16.5	17.1
With at least one member in the labor force	54,755	55,007	83.5	82.9
No member employed	1,384	1,734	2.1	2.6
Some member employed	53,371	53,273	81.4	80.3
No one unemployed	49,751	48,993	75.9	73.8
One or more employed full time	46,825	45,898	71.4	69.2
Some member unemployed	3,620	4,280	5.5	6.5
One or more employed full time	3,285	3,856	5.0	5.8
White				
Total families	56,035	56,657	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	8,939	9,523	16.0	16.8
With at least one member in the labor force	47,095	47,134	84.0	83.2
No member employed	895	1,215	1.6	2.1
Some member employed	46,201	45,919	82.5	81.0
No one unemployed	43,371	42,497	77.4	75.0
One or more employed full time	40,940	39,923	73.1	70.5
Some member unemployed	2,830	3,422	5.1	6.0
One or more employed full time	2,574	3,102	4.6	5.5
Black				
Total families	7,442	7,551	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	1,555	1,552	20.9	20.6
With at least one member in the labor force	5,887	5,998	79.1	79.4
No member employed	439	463	5.9	6.1
Some member employed	5,448	5,535	73.2	73.3
No one unemployed	4,807	4,857	64.6	64.3
One or more employed full time	4,406	4,434	59.2	58.7
Some member unemployed	641	678	8.6	9.0
One or more employed full time	576	594	7.7	7.9
Hispanic origin				
Total families	4,936	5,047	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	664	743	13.5	14.7
With at least one member in the labor force	4,272	4,304	86.5	85.3
No member employed	150	229	3.0	4.5
Some member employed	4,122	4,075	83.5	80.7
No one unemployed	3,667	3,551	74.3	70.4
One or more employed full time	3,465	3,353	70.2	66.4
Some member unemployed	454	523	9.2	10.4
One or more employed full time	407	483	8.2	9.6

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 2. Families by employment status of members and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	III 1990	III 1991	III 1990	III 1991
Married-couple families	51,261	51,699	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	7,712	8,105	15.0	15.7
With at least one member in the labor force	43,550	43,594	85.0	84.3
No member employed	553	772	1.1	1.5
Some member employed	42,996	42,822	83.9	82.8
Husband only	11,043	10,957	21.5	21.2
Wife only	2,447	2,711	4.8	5.2
Husband and wife	25,568	25,383	49.9	49.1
Husband and wife only	20,337	20,415	39.7	39.5
Other combinations	3,939	3,771	7.7	7.3
Families maintained by women	11,244	11,628	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	2,769	2,905	24.6	25.0
With at least one member in the labor force	8,475	8,723	75.4	75.0
No member employed	725	782	6.4	6.7
Some member employed	7,750	7,940	68.9	68.3
Householder employed	6,335	6,480	56.3	55.7
Householder only	3,990	4,110	35.5	35.3
Householder and other(s)	2,345	2,370	20.9	20.4
Other combinations	1,415	1,461	12.6	12.6
Families maintained by men	3,031	3,025	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	300	335	9.9	11.1
With at least one member in the labor force	2,731	2,690	90.1	88.9
No member employed	106	179	3.5	5.9
Some member employed	2,625	2,511	86.6	83.0
Householder employed	2,313	2,160	76.3	71.4
Householder only	1,320	1,216	43.5	40.2
Householder and other(s)	993	944	32.8	31.2
Other combinations	312	350	10.3	11.6

Table 3. Families with unemployed members by type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	III 1990	III 1991	III 1990	III 1991
Families with unemployment	5,004	6,014	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	3,620	4,280	72.3	71.2
With no members employed	1,384	1,734	27.7	28.8
Married-couple families	3,333	4,077	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	2,780	3,304	83.4	81.0
With no members employed	553	772	16.6	18.9
With husband unemployed	1,157	1,496	34.7	36.7
Wife employed	697	847	20.9	20.8
Other(s) employed	64	84	1.9	2.1
No one employed	395	566	11.9	13.9
With wife unemployed	1,072	1,237	32.2	30.3
Husband employed	999	1,126	30.0	27.6
Other(s) employed	11	21	.3	.5
No one employed	62	90	1.9	2.2
With other member(s) unemployed	1,104	1,343	33.1	32.9
Families maintained by women	1,384	1,511	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	660	728	47.7	48.2
With no members employed	725	782	52.4	51.8
With householder unemployed	622	674	44.9	44.6
Other(s) employed	101	128	7.3	8.5
No one employed	521	546	37.6	36.1
With other member(s) unemployed	762	837	55.1	55.4
Families maintained by men	286	427	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	180	247	62.9	57.8
With no members employed	106	179	37.1	41.9
With householder unemployed	113	214	39.5	50.1
Other(s) employed	43	72	15.0	16.9
No one employed	71	142	24.8	33.3
With other member(s) unemployed	173	213	60.5	49.9

Table 4. Families with children under 18 years old by the employment status of parent(s) and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(In thousands)

Characteristic	III 1990			III 1991		
	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old
Total families	32,002	16,992	15,009	32,323	17,286	15,037
Married-couple families	23,927	12,206	11,721	24,009	12,379	11,630
With employed parent(s)	23,114	11,795	11,318	23,018	11,885	11,134
Neither unemployed	22,047	11,279	10,767	21,826	11,256	10,571
Father employed	7,311	2,935	4,376	7,134	2,864	4,270
Mother employed	523	365	157	519	360	160
Both employed	14,213	7,979	6,234	14,173	8,032	6,141
One unemployed	1,067	515	552	1,192	628	563
Father unemployed	398	193	205	474	267	207
Mother unemployed	669	322	347	718	361	356
With no employed parent	814	411	403	990	494	495
Father unemployed	237	73	164	330	117	213
Mother unemployed	25	11	14	41	25	16
Both unemployed	66	34	32	91	43	48
Neither in labor force	486	293	193	528	309	218
Families maintained by women	6,759	4,025	2,734	7,033	4,118	2,915
Mother employed	4,116	2,848	1,268	4,210	2,879	1,331
Mother not employed	2,643	1,177	1,467	2,823	1,238	1,584
Unemployed	524	262	262	560	295	265
Not in labor force	2,119	915	1,205	2,263	943	1,319
Families maintained by men	1,316	762	554	1,281	789	492
Father employed	1,167	675	492	1,034	647	386
Father not employed	150	87	63	248	142	106
Unemployed	62	36	26	120	61	59
Not in labor force	88	51	37	128	81	47
Total families with unemployed parents	1,981	931	1,050	2,334	1,169	1,164

Table 5. Employment status of persons in families by family relationship, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	III 1990					III 1991				
	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed			Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed		
			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)
TOTAL										
In families	149,172	67.5	5,520	5.5	71.1	150,558	66.9	6,692	6.6	69.7
In married-couple families	122,578	68.2	3,646	4.4	81.7	123,247	67.7	4,513	5.4	79.1
Husbands	51,261	78.2	1,157	2.9	65.9	51,699	77.4	1,496	3.7	62.2
Wives	51,261	58.1	1,171	3.9	87.8	51,699	58.2	1,381	4.6	84.3
Other family member(s)	20,056	68.6	1,318	9.6	90.2	19,849	66.8	1,636	12.3	90.0
In families maintained by women	20,713	61.9	1,562	12.2	48.1	21,368	61.4	1,703	13.0	48.6
Householder	11,244	61.9	622	8.9	16.2	11,628	61.5	674	9.4	19.0
Other family member(s)	9,469	61.9	940	16.0	69.2	9,740	61.3	1,029	17.2	67.9
In families maintained by men	5,881	72.5	313	7.3	62.6	5,942	71.8	476	11.2	56.3
Householder	3,031	80.0	113	4.7	37.7	3,025	78.5	214	9.0	33.7
Other family member(s)	2,850	64.4	200	10.9	76.6	2,917	64.9	262	13.8	75.0
White										
In families	127,477	68.2	4,015	4.6	74.6	128,480	67.5	5,098	5.9	72.2
In married-couple families	109,260	68.3	2,974	4.0	82.1	109,759	67.7	3,799	5.1	78.7
Husbands	46,152	78.2	949	2.6	66.3	46,482	77.4	1,295	3.6	61.3
Wives	46,157	57.6	995	3.7	89.0	46,489	57.7	1,179	4.4	85.0
Other family member(s)	16,951	70.5	1,030	8.6	90.0	16,788	68.8	1,325	11.5	90.2
In families maintained by women	13,583	64.7	803	9.1	50.1	14,118	64.1	953	10.5	52.2
Householder	7,473	64.2	332	6.9	20.3	7,783	63.1	375	7.6	25.2
Other family member(s)	6,110	65.2	471	11.8	70.8	6,335	65.4	578	14.0	69.6
In families maintained by men	4,634	74.4	237	6.9	64.1	4,603	73.3	345	10.2	55.9
Householder	2,394	81.6	84	4.3	38.4	2,379	79.8	163	8.6	33.3
Other family member(s)	2,240	66.7	153	10.2	78.6	2,224	66.4	182	12.4	76.1
Black										
In families	16,426	63.4	1,279	12.3	60.6	16,513	63.1	1,347	12.9	59.4
In married-couple families	9,050	68.3	499	8.1	82.2	8,979	68.0	547	9.0	81.2
Husbands	3,537	77.0	154	5.7	65.8	3,572	75.6	152	5.6	70.3
Wives	3,442	64.6	117	5.3	83.9	3,455	65.8	148	6.5	79.0
Other family member(s)	2,071	59.6	228	18.4	92.2	1,952	58.1	247	21.8	89.1
In families maintained by women	6,427	56.3	714	19.7	46.2	6,524	55.7	694	19.1	43.2
Householder	3,419	57.4	271	13.8	10.7	3,485	58.3	279	13.7	10.6
Other family member(s)	3,008	55.1	443	26.7	68.0	3,039	52.9	415	25.8	65.0
In families maintained by men	949	65.0	66	10.7	53.0	1,010	66.4	107	15.9	55.1
Householder	502	73.7	25	6.8	(1)	511	72.1	43	11.7	(1)
Other family member(s)	447	55.4	41	16.6	(1)	499	60.7	64	21.1	68.0
Hispanic origin										
In families	11,905	66.8	664	8.3	73.3	12,184	65.5	842	10.5	68.1
In married-couple families	8,718	68.1	424	7.1	81.6	8,778	66.8	552	9.4	73.0
Husbands	3,352	84.8	154	5.4	66.2	3,353	84.1	210	7.5	51.9
Wives	3,376	52.8	122	6.8	89.3	3,478	52.9	152	8.3	81.1
Other family member(s)	1,990	66.0	148	11.2	91.6	1,947	61.6	190	15.8	89.9
In families maintained by women	2,217	56.4	172	13.8	53.5	2,294	55.0	190	15.1	53.2
Householder	1,184	56.4	66	9.8	24.1	1,236	55.2	78	11.4	31.1
Other family member(s)	1,033	56.3	106	18.2	71.7	1,058	54.8	112	19.4	68.5
In families maintained by men	970	79.1	69	9.0	71.0	1,112	77.3	99	11.5	70.7
Householder	425	86.0	25	6.7	(1)	473	86.5	42	10.3	(1)
Other family member(s)	545	73.5	44	11.1	(1)	639	70.6	57	12.7	(1)

[1] Data not shown where base is less than 60,000.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	III 1990	III 1991	III 1990	III 1991	III 1990	III 1991
TOTAL						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	43,950	43,670	100.0	100.0	$659	$671
One earner	18,560	18,670	42.2	42.8	390	394
Two or more earners	25,390	25,000	57.8	57.2	859	885
Married-couple families	34,176	33,969	100.0	100.0	742	755
One earner	12,083	12,243	35.4	36.0	455	452
Husband	9,049	9,039	26.5	26.6	517	521
Wife	2,231	2,493	6.5	7.3	264	287
Other family member	804	711	2.4	2.1	283	283
Two or more earners	22,093	21,725	64.6	64.0	894	918
Husband and wife only	15,657	15,534	45.8	45.7	850	889
Husband, wife, and other family member(s)	3,878	3,664	11.3	10.8	1,193	1,205
Husband and other family member(s)	1,870	1,812	5.5	5.3	847	860
Wife and other family member(s)	517	574	1.5	1.7	560	592
Other family members only	171	142	.5	.4	548	690
Families maintained by women	7,476	7,603	100.0	100.0	371	383
One earner	5,053	5,172	67.6	68.0	293	301
Householder	3,996	4,047	53.5	53.2	297	309
Other family member	1,057	1,125	14.1	14.8	278	264
Two or more earners	2,423	2,431	32.4	32.0	601	645
Families maintained by men	2,298	2,098	100.0	100.0	511	509
One earner	1,424	1,255	62.0	59.8	405	405
Householder	1,189	1,044	51.7	49.7	435	441
Other family member	235	211	10.2	10.1	307	250
Two or more earners	874	843	38.0	40.2	763	736
White						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	37,266	36,975	100.0	100.0	690	699
One earner	15,257	15,341	40.9	41.5	413	415
Two or more earners	22,009	21,634	59.1	58.5	876	903
Married-couple families	30,252	30,063	100.0	100.0	758	770
One earner	10,727	10,850	35.5	36.1	475	473
Husband	8,161	8,125	27.0	27.0	530	538
Wife	1,903	2,122	6.3	7.1	268	291
Two or more earners	19,524	19,213	64.5	63.9	906	932
Husband and wife only	13,903	13,784	46.0	45.9	862	900
Families maintained by women	5,215	5,254	100.0	100.0	386	399
One earner	3,439	3,512	65.9	66.8	304	313
Two or more earners	1,776	1,742	34.1	33.2	615	650
Families maintained by men	1,800	1,657	100.0	100.0	535	524
One earner	1,091	978	60.6	59.0	434	423
Two or more earners	709	679	39.4	41.0	776	746
Black						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	5,195	5,194	100.0	100.0	454	468
One earner	2,695	2,689	51.9	51.8	280	289
Two or more earners	2,500	2,505	48.1	48.2	676	707
Married-couple families	2,771	2,776	100.0	100.0	586	594
One earner	944	980	34.1	35.3	296	316
Husband	586	594	21.2	21.4	325	345
Wife	260	310	9.4	11.2	234	255
Two or more earners	1,827	1,796	65.9	64.7	712	758
Husband and wife only	1,264	1,312	45.6	47.2	684	739
Families maintained by women	2,029	2,083	100.0	100.0	324	330
One earner	1,477	1,494	72.8	71.7	260	265
Two or more earners	552	588	27.2	28.3	550	599
Families maintained by men	395	335	100.0	100.0	389	404
One earner	274	215	69.5	64.1	339	299
Two or more earners	121	120	30.5	35.9	690	592

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	III 1990	III 1991	III 1990	III 1991	III 1990	III 1991
Hispanic origin						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	3,732	3,702	100.0	100.0	$509	$502
One earner	1,628	1,726	43.6	46.6	295	309
Two or more earners	2,104	1,976	56.4	53.4	702	709
Married-couple families	2,622	2,600	100.0	100.0	584	566
One earner	1,000	1,057	38.1	40.7	315	336
Husband	768	829	29.3	31.9	348	371
Wife	172	164	6.6	6.3	231	214
Two or more earners	1,622	1,543	61.9	59.3	732	760
Husband and wife only	953	964	36.4	37.1	693	725
Families maintained by women	725	706	100.0	100.0	332	329
One earner	466	500	64.3	70.8	255	271
Two or more earners	259	206	35.7	29.2	574	557
Families maintained by men	385	395	100.0	100.0	486	463
One earner	162	169	42.1	42.7	309	285
Two or more earners	223	226	57.9	57.3	619	574

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 7. Families with unemployed members and wage and salary earners by type of family and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	III 1990	III 1991	III 1990	III 1991	III 1990	III 1991
Families with unemployment and wage and salary earners[1]	3,359	3,935	--	--	$467	$478
Married-couple families	2,564	3,014	100.0	100.0	508	515
Husband unemployed	709	890	27.7	29.5	290	327
Wife only earner	561	688	21.9	22.8	270	306
Wife and other earner(s)	97	154	3.8	5.1	([2])	596
Other earners only	52	48	2.0	1.6	([2])	([2])
Wife unemployed	971	1,074	37.9	35.6	511	506
Husband only earner	816	858	31.8	28.5	467	482
Husband and other earner(s)	142	190	5.5	6.3	848	788
Other earners only	14	26	.5	.9	([2])	([2])
Other members unemployed	884	1,050	34.5	34.8	770	756
Husband or wife earners	343	402	13.4	13.3	558	569
Both husband and wife earners	514	613	20.0	20.3	989	933
Other combinations of earners	27	35	1.0	1.2	([2])	([2])
Families maintained by women[1]	626	690	100.0	100.0	330	330
Householder unemployed	96	97	15.3	14.1	([2])	([2])
Other member(s) unemployed	530	592	84.7	85.9	348	356
Families maintained by men[1]	169	231	100.0	100.0	492	345
Householder unemployed	41	54	24.3	23.5	([2])	([2])
Other member(s) unemployed	128	177	75.7	76.5	499	370

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

[2] Data not shown where base is less than 100,000.

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The number of families with a member working full time fell by nearly 600,000 between the second quarters of 1990 and 1991, reflecting the impact of the recession, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the same period, the median wage and salary earnings of families rose by 1.7 percent to $664. Other second quarter 1991 highlights were:

--The total number of families with at least one member working (either full or part time) fell by 320,000 to 52.9 million. Black families were less likely to have an employed member than either white or Hispanic families. (See tables A and 1.)

--The proportion of families with an unemployed member rose to 9.0 percent in the second quarter, up from 7.3 percent a year earlier. Overall, about 7 out of 10 of these families also had one or more employed members, but there were notable differences depending on the type of family. For instance, about 80 percent of married-couple families with an unemployed member also had an employed member, compared with 47 percent of families maintained by women and 58 percent of families maintained by men. (See tables A and 3.)

--Among families with children, the proportion with at least one unemployed parent rose to 7.0 percent in the second quarter, up from 5.4 percent a year earlier. Families with preschoolers remained more likely to have an unemployed member than did families with older children. (See table 4.)

--Among all families, about 11.2 million had no member in the labor force, an increase of 350,000 over the year. About three-fifths of these families had no members under the age of 60. (See tables A and 1.)

--Median weekly earnings of all married-couple families with wage and salary workers were $745 in the second quarter, 2.5 percent higher than a year earlier. Earnings for families maintained by women rose more than twice as fast but, at $390, remained about half those of married couples. An important reason for this gap is the fact that married-couple families are twice as likely as families maintained by women to contain multiple earners. (See table 6.)

Table A. Summary labor force characteristics of families, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	II 1990	II 1991	Change
Total families	65,363	65,831	468
With employed member(s)	53,206	52,883	-323
Percent of total families	81.4	80.3	-1.1
With member(s) employed full time	49,906	49,316	-590
Percent of total families	76.4	74.9	-1.5
Percent with employed member(s)	72.8	70.6	-2.2
Percent of total families	7.3	9.0	1.7
With unemployed member(s), none employed	1,295	1,734	439
Percent of total families	2.0	2.6	.6
With no members in labor force	10,862	11,214	352
Percent with no members under 60 years old	60.7	60.7	.0
Percent of total families	16.6	17.0	.4
With children under 18 years old	31,812	32,061	249
Percent with employed parent(s)	89.0	87.7	-1.3
Percent with employed mother	61.4	61.3	-.1
Percent of total families	48.7	48.7	.0
With children under 6 years old	14,906	15,017	111
Percent with employed parent(s)	87.6	85.5	-2.1
Percent with employed mother	54.1	53.6	-.5
Percent of total families	22.8	22.8	.0

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Explanatory Note

The estimates in this release were obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), which provides basic information on the labor force, employment, and unemployment. The survey is conducted monthly for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by the Bureau of the Census from a scientifically selected national sample of about 60,000 households, with coverage in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The earnings data are collected from one-quarter of the CPS monthly sample and are limited to wages and salaries. The data, therefore, exclude self-employed income.

Reliability

In any sample survey, variations in the data can occur by chance because a sample, rather than the whole of the population, is surveyed. The standard error is a measure of such potential variation. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the survey differs from a figure that would be obtained from a complete census by less than one standard error. The chances are about 90 out of 100 that such a difference would be less than 1.6 standard errors. All statements of comparisons in the text of this release are significant at 1.6 or more standard errors.

Standard errors for numbers and proportions of families can be approximated using tables found in the Household Data section of the Explanatory Notes in *Employment and Earnings*. Representative standard errors for median family earnings are available from BLS upon request.

Definitions

The principal definitions used in this release are described briefly below.

Family. A family is a group of two or more persons residing together who are related by blood, marriage, or adoption. The count of families is for "primary" families only, that is, the householder and all other persons related to and residing with the householder. Not included are unrelated subfamilies. Families are classified either as married-couple families or families maintained by women or men without spouses.

Householder. A householder is the person in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented.

Children. Children are defined as "own" children, that is never-married sons, daughters, stepchildren, and adopted children. Excluded are other related children, such as nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and cousins, and unrelated children.

Employed. Employed persons are all civilians who during the survey week: (a) Did any work at all as paid employees; (b) worked in their own business or profession or on their own farms; or (c) worked 15 hours or more as an unpaid worker in a family- operated enterprise. Also included are those who were temporarily absent from their jobs because of illness, vacation, bad weather, labor-management disputes, or personal reasons.

Full-time workers. Persons who usually work 35 hours or more per week on their sole or principal job. Persons who work less than 35 hours are part-time workers.

Unemployed. The unemployed are persons who had no employment during the survey week, were available for work at that time, and made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the prior 4 weeks. Persons laid off from their former jobs and awaiting recall and those expecting to report to a job within 30 days need not be looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

Civilian labor force. The civilian labor force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed.

Wage and salary workers. Workers who receive wages, salaries, commissions, tips, payment in kind, or piece rates. Persons who report themselves as self-employed, including those whose businesses are incorporated, are excluded from coverage in these earnings data.

Usual weekly earnings. Data on usual weekly earnings are provided from responses to the questions, "How much does...USUALLY earn per week at this job before deductions? Include any overtime pay, commissions, or tips usually received." The response is for the worker's sole or principal job, and the term "usual" is as perceived by the respondent. If the respondent asks for a definition of "usual," interviewers are instructed to define the term as more than half the weeks worked during the past 4 or 5 months.

Median weekly earnings. The median of weekly earnings is the value at which 50 percent of the earnings distribution lies above and 50 percent lies below. The estimating procedure places each reported earnings value into intervals which are centered around multiples of $50. The actual value is calculated through linear interpolation of the interval in which the median lies.

Over-the-year changes in the medians for component groups may not necessarily be consistent with the changes estimated for the overall median and therefore are not presented in this release. Circumstances under which this can occur include: (1) Even though medians of component groups may rise, if the lower-earnings group accounts for a sufficiently increased share of the total, the overall median can rise less than for any of the groups; and (2) survey observations tend to be clustered at rounded values, such as $250, $300, and $400, and an estimated median lying in a $50-wide centered interval containing such a cluster changes more slowly than one in non-clustered intervals. For example, if the medians for component groups are not in a cluster but the overall group median is, then the increase in the overall median will be less than for the components.

Table 1. Families by employment status of members, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	II 1990	II 1991	II 1990	II 1991
TOTAL				
Total families	65,363	65,831	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	10,862	11,214	16.6	17.0
With at least one member in the labor force	54,501	54,617	83.4	83.0
No member employed	1,295	1,734	2.0	2.6
Some member employed	53,206	52,883	81.4	80.3
No one unemployed	49,736	48,714	76.1	74.0
One or more employed full time	46,781	45,576	71.6	69.2
Some member unemployed	3,470	4,169	5.3	6.3
One or more employed full time	3,125	3,740	4.8	5.7
White				
Total families	55,939	56,295	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	9,043	9,329	16.2	16.6
With at least one member in the labor force	46,896	46,966	83.8	83.4
No member employed	841	1,196	1.5	2.1
Some member employed	46,055	45,770	82.3	81.3
No one unemployed	43,326	42,427	77.5	75.4
One or more employed full time	40,836	39,769	73.0	70.6
Some member unemployed	2,729	3,343	4.9	5.9
One or more employed full time	2,447	3,000	4.4	5.3
Black				
Total families	7,396	7,472	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	1,554	1,629	21.0	21.8
With at least one member in the labor force	5,843	5,843	79.0	78.2
No member employed	415	484	5.6	6.5
Some member employed	5,427	5,359	73.4	71.7
No one unemployed	4,821	4,689	65.2	62.8
One or more employed full time	4,452	4,307	60.2	57.6
Some member unemployed	606	670	8.2	9.0
One or more employed full time	557	595	7.5	8.0
Hispanic origin				
Total families	4,836	4,948	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	685	735	14.2	14.9
With at least one member in the labor force	4,150	4,214	85.8	85.2
No member employed	158	218	3.3	4.4
Some member employed	3,993	3,996	82.6	80.8
No one unemployed	3,587	3,536	74.2	71.5
One or more employed full time	3,402	3,315	70.3	67.0
Some member unemployed	406	459	8.4	9.3
One or more employed full time	357	422	7.4	8.5

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 2. Families by employment status of members and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	II 1990	II 1991	II 1990	II 1991
Married-couple families	51,288	51,447	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	7,809	8,009	15.2	15.6
With at least one member in the labor force	43,478	43,438	84.8	84.4
No member employed	556	816	1.1	1.6
Some member employed	42,922	42,622	83.7	82.8
Husband only	10,722	10,628	20.9	20.7
Wife only	2,525	2,720	4.9	5.3
Husband and wife	25,941	25,667	50.6	49.9
Husband and wife only	20,896	20,905	40.7	40.6
Other combinations	3,734	3,607	7.3	7.0
Families maintained by women	11,051	11,366	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	2,727	2,851	24.7	25.1
With at least one member in the labor force	8,324	8,515	75.3	74.9
No member employed	638	761	5.8	6.7
Some member employed	7,687	7,754	69.6	68.2
Householder employed	6,361	6,381	57.6	56.1
Householder only	4,080	4,185	36.9	36.8
Householder and other(s)	2,280	2,196	20.6	19.3
Other combinations	1,326	1,373	12.0	12.1
Families maintained by men	3,024	3,018	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	325	354	10.7	11.7
With at least one member in the labor force	2,698	2,664	89.2	88.3
No member employed	102	157	3.4	5.2
Some member employed	2,597	2,507	85.9	83.1
Householder employed	2,255	2,157	74.6	71.5
Householder only	1,241	1,187	41.0	39.3
Householder and other(s)	1,014	970	33.5	32.1
Other combinations	341	350	11.3	11.6

Table 3. Families with unemployed members by type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	II 1990	II 1991	II 1990	II 1991
Families with unemployment	4,765	5,903	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	3,470	4,169	72.8	70.6
With no members employed	1,295	1,734	27.2	29.4
Married-couple families	3,243	4,102	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	2,687	3,286	82.9	80.1
With no members employed	556	816	17.1	19.9
With husband unemployed	1,195	1,650	36.8	40.2
Wife employed	733	964	22.6	23.5
Other(s) employed	64	93	2.0	2.3
No one employed	399	593	12.3	14.5
With wife unemployed	844	1,062	26.0	25.9
Husband employed	775	955	23.9	23.3
Other(s) employed	7	19	.2	.5
No one employed	63	88	1.9	2.1
With other member(s) unemployed	1,203	1,390	37.1	33.9
Families maintained by women	1,229	1,426	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	591	665	48.1	46.6
With no members employed	638	761	51.9	53.4
With householder unemployed	514	631	41.8	44.2
Other(s) employed	73	93	5.9	6.5
No one employed	440	538	35.8	37.7
With other member(s) unemployed	715	795	58.2	55.8
Families maintained by men	294	376	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	192	219	65.3	58.2
With no members employed	102	157	34.7	41.8
With householder unemployed	115	171	39.1	45.5
Other(s) employed	57	59	19.4	15.7
No one employed	58	112	19.7	29.8
With other member(s) unemployed	179	205	60.9	54.5

Table 4. Families with children under 18 years old by the employment status of parent(s) and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(In thousands)

Characteristic	II 1990			II 1991		
	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old
Total families	31,812	16,905	14,906	32,061	17,045	15,017
Married-couple families	23,893	12,201	11,692	23,897	12,281	11,617
With employed parent(s)	23,072	11,768	11,304	22,898	11,787	11,112
Neither unemployed	22,153	11,303	10,851	21,768	11,233	10,534
Father employed	7,194	2,885	4,309	6,850	2,775	4,074
Mother employed	536	360	176	531	345	186
Both employed	14,423	8,058	6,366	14,387	8,113	6,274
One unemployed	919	466	453	1,130	554	578
Father unemployed	427	224	203	540	291	250
Mother unemployed	492	242	250	590	263	328
With no employed parent	821	432	388	999	494	506
Father unemployed	231	76	154	350	127	223
Mother unemployed	25	17	8	42	26	16
Both unemployed	64	34	30	98	44	54
Neither in labor force	501	305	196	509	297	213
Families maintained by women	6,702	3,977	2,725	6,940	4,033	2,908
Mother employed	4,156	2,836	1,321	4,192	2,857	1,335
Mother not employed	2,545	1,141	1,404	2,749	1,176	1,573
Unemployed	440	230	210	528	257	271
Not in labor force	2,105	911	1,194	2,221	919	1,302
Families maintained by men	1,217	728	489	1,224	731	492
Father employed	1,070	637	433	1,018	619	399
Father not employed	147	91	56	205	112	93
Unemployed	46	23	23	91	48	43
Not in labor force	101	68	33	114	64	50
Total families with unemployed parents	1,725	846	878	2,239	1,056	1,185

Table 5. Employment status of persons in families by family relationship, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	II 1990					II 1991				
	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed			Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed		
			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)
TOTAL										
In families	149,165	67.0	5,257	5.3	71.4	150,102	66.6	6,667	6.7	68.9
In married-couple families	122,870	67.7	3,554	4.3	81.1	123,150	67.4	4,586	5.5	78.1
Husbands	51,288	78.1	1,195	3.0	66.6	51,447	77.7	1,650	4.1	64.0
Wives	51,288	58.5	942	3.1	84.2	51,447	58.7	1,215	4.0	81.4
Other family member(s)	20,294	64.9	1,417	10.8	91.3	20,256	63.7	1,721	13.3	89.2
In families maintained by women	20,252	61.6	1,379	11.1	48.0	20,913	60.8	1,659	13.0	46.8
Householder	11,051	62.2	514	7.5	14.3	11,366	61.7	631	9.0	14.7
Other family member(s)	9,201	60.9	865	15.4	68.0	9,547	59.8	1,028	18.0	66.5
In families maintained by men	6,043	71.3	324	7.5	65.1	6,039	70.2	422	10.0	55.9
Householder	3,024	78.4	115	4.8	49.2	3,018	77.1	171	7.3	34.4
Other family member(s)	3,019	64.2	209	10.8	73.5	3,021	63.2	251	13.2	70.6
White										
In families	127,545	67.6	3,880	4.5	74.8	128,115	67.4	5,047	5.8	71.9
In married-couple families	109,406	67.8	2,929	3.9	81.2	109,811	67.6	3,863	5.2	77.8
Husbands	46,120	78.1	1,002	2.8	66.9	46,366	77.7	1,414	3.9	63.5
Wives	46,145	57.9	801	3.0	84.9	46,365	58.1	1,030	3.8	81.6
Other family member(s)	17,141	66.9	1,126	9.8	91.4	17,080	65.8	1,419	12.6	89.5
In families maintained by women	13,383	64.4	730	8.5	51.1	13,653	64.0	897	10.3	50.9
Householder	7,403	64.1	277	5.8	18.8	7,548	64.1	343	7.1	19.2
Other family member(s)	5,980	64.7	453	11.7	70.7	6,105	63.9	554	14.2	70.5
In families maintained by men	4,756	73.6	221	6.3	67.4	4,651	72.3	287	8.5	58.2
Householder	2,392	81.3	83	4.3	52.8	2,359	78.9	117	6.3	35.5
Other family member(s)	2,364	65.8	138	8.9	75.8	2,292	65.5	170	11.3	73.9
Black										
In families	16,394	63.0	1,179	11.4	59.6	16,499	62.1	1,391	13.6	57.6
In married-couple families	9,213	67.8	480	7.7	79.8	8,963	67.4	559	9.2	80.0
Husbands	3,591	76.6	140	5.1	64.0	3,522	75.4	176	6.6	69.5
Wives	3,498	65.7	107	4.6	78.4	3,421	65.9	138	6.1	80.2
Other family member(s)	2,124	56.4	233	19.5	90.1	2,020	56.2	245	21.6	87.5
In families maintained by women	6,187	55.8	614	17.8	44.1	6,527	54.7	718	20.1	41.8
Householder	3,307	58.6	227	11.7	8.4	3,461	57.2	271	13.7	9.3
Other family member(s)	2,880	52.6	387	25.6	65.1	3,066	51.9	447	28.1	61.5
In families maintained by men	994	62.5	85	13.7	56.5	1,009	62.3	115	18.3	47.0
Householder	517	65.4	24	7.1	(1)	511	68.0	47	13.5	(1)
Other family member(s)	477	59.3	61	21.6	65.8	498	56.3	68	24.1	57.8
Hispanic origin										
In families	11,771	66.2	610	7.8	71.7	11,976	64.4	767	10.0	65.3
In married-couple families	8,644	67.8	396	6.8	80.3	8,758	65.8	518	9.0	71.6
Husbands	3,266	84.4	157	5.7	63.0	3,311	84.3	202	7.2	57.0
Wives	3,349	55.1	105	5.7	89.2	3,431	52.3	138	7.7	78.4
Other family member(s)	2,029	62.2	134	10.6	93.3	2,016	58.3	178	15.2	83.0
In families maintained by women	2,142	55.3	155	13.1	51.0	2,244	53.6	176	14.6	46.6
Householder	1,154	54.0	58	9.3	(1)	1,225	54.6	77	11.5	25.6
Other family member(s)	988	56.8	97	17.3	73.1	1,019	52.3	99	18.6	62.4
In families maintained by men	985	76.2	58	7.7	(1)	974	76.7	73	9.8	65.8
Householder	429	83.5	24	6.8	(1)	418	86.6	22	6.2	(1)
Other family member(s)	556	70.7	34	8.6	(1)	556	69.2	51	13.2	(1)

[1] Data not shown where base is less than 60,000.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	II 1990	II 1991	II 1990	II 1991	II 1990	II 1991
TOTAL						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	43,589	43,217	100.0	100.0	$653	$664
One earner	18,212	18,352	41.8	42.5	391	397
Two or more earners	25,377	24,866	58.2	57.5	842	867
Married-couple families	34,285	33,725	100.0	100.0	727	745
One earner	12,058	11,974	35.2	35.5	454	450
Husband	8,866	8,639	25.9	25.6	516	519
Wife	2,424	2,528	7.1	7.5	269	277
Other family member	768	807	2.2	2.4	276	280
Two or more earners	22,227	21,750	64.8	64.5	871	899
Husband and wife only	16,086	16,044	46.9	47.6	838	866
Husband, wife, and other family member(s)	3,706	3,440	10.8	10.2	1,103	1,156
Husband and other family member(s)	1,762	1,603	5.1	4.8	815	845
Wife and other family member(s)	522	494	1.5	1.5	530	595
Other family members only	151	170	.4	.5	465	555
Families maintained by women	7,003	7,186	100.0	100.0	361	390
One earner	4,762	4,966	68.0	69.1	286	311
Householder	3,789	3,985	54.1	55.5	296	321
Other family member	973	980	13.9	13.6	237	277
Two or more earners	2,241	2,221	32.0	30.9	613	623
Families maintained by men	2,300	2,306	100.0	100.0	513	512
One earner	1,392	1,411	60.5	61.2	393	408
Householder	1,121	1,080	48.7	46.8	418	461
Other family member	271	331	11.8	14.4	277	267
Two or more earners	909	895	39.5	38.8	788	758
White						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	37,182	36,875	100.0	100.0	680	685
One earner	15,211	15,316	40.9	41.5	413	414
Two or more earners	21,971	21,558	59.1	58.5	860	882
Married-couple families	30,430	29,988	100.0	100.0	738	753
One earner	10,819	10,762	35.6	35.9	470	466
Husband	8,047	7,888	26.4	26.3	524	530
Wife	2,103	2,175	6.9	7.3	271	276
Two or more earners	19,611	19,225	64.4	64.1	885	908
Husband and wife only	14,221	14,191	46.7	47.3	851	876
Families maintained by women	4,950	5,075	100.0	100.0	373	396
One earner	3,331	3,454	67.3	68.1	298	317
Two or more earners	1,619	1,621	32.7	31.9	625	631
Families maintained by men	1,802	1,812	100.0	100.0	558	523
One earner	1,061	1,100	58.9	60.7	416	415
Two or more earners	741	712	41.1	39.3	810	776
Black						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	5,010	4,956	100.0	100.0	472	506
One earner	2,405	2,458	48.0	49.6	280	303
Two or more earners	2,606	2,498	52.0	50.4	702	737
Married-couple families	2,741	2,679	100.0	100.0	614	654
One earner	814	827	29.7	30.9	307	308
Husband	499	459	18.2	17.1	357	372
Wife	250	292	9.1	10.9	241	276
Two or more earners	1,927	1,851	70.3	69.1	750	781
Husband and wife only	1,393	1,385	50.8	51.7	712	768
Families maintained by women	1,868	1,907	100.0	100.0	318	370
One earner	1,311	1,375	70.2	72.1	261	297
Two or more earners	557	533	29.8	27.9	581	601
Families maintained by men	401	370	100.0	100.0	380	416
One earner	279	256	69.6	69.2	298	316
Two or more earners	122	114	30.4	30.8	562	638

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	II 1990	II 1991	II 1990	II 1991	II 1990	II 1991
Hispanic origin						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	3,525	3,597	100.0	100.0	$495	$502
One earner	1,580	1,650	44.8	45.9	311	313
Two or more earners	1,946	1,947	55.2	54.1	673	683
Married-couple families	2,526	2,587	100.0	100.0	544	549
One earner	1,027	1,072	40.7	41.4	343	320
Husband	799	885	31.6	34.2	384	346
Wife	162	139	6.4	5.4	251	263
Two or more earners	1,499	1,515	59.3	58.6	701	711
Husband and wife only	895	925	35.4	35.7	645	692
Families maintained by women	653	655	100.0	100.0	345	361
One earner	421	412	64.4	62.8	248	269
Two or more earners	232	244	35.6	37.2	534	578
Families maintained by men	346	355	100.0	100.0	464	459
One earner	132	166	38.1	46.9	283	378
Two or more earners	214	188	61.9	53.1	592	595

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 7. Families with unemployed members and wage and salary earners by type of family and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	II 1990	II 1991	II 1990	II 1991	II 1990	II 1991
Families with unemployment and wage and salary earners[1]	3,173	3,762	--	--	$452	$463
Married-couple families	2,487	2,960	100.0	100.0	497	492
Husband unemployed	778	1,003	31.3	33.9	318	340
Wife only earner	590	744	23.7	25.1	290	310
Wife and other earner(s)	127	153	5.1	5.2	545	539
Other earners only	61	106	2.4	3.6	([2])	280
Wife unemployed	720	915	28.9	30.9	470	458
Husband only earner	604	763	24.3	25.8	417	420
Husband and other earner(s)	110	137	4.4	4.6	770	699
Other earners only	5	16	.2	.5	([2])	([2])
Other members unemployed	990	1,042	39.8	35.2	791	796
Husband or wife earners	319	362	12.8	12.2	528	509
Both husband and wife earners	623	662	25.1	22.4	952	945
Other combinations of earners	48	18	1.9	.6	([2])	([2])
Families maintained by women[1]	507	582	100.0	100.0	292	355
Householder unemployed	64	86	12.6	14.7	([2])	([2])
Other member(s) unemployed	444	497	87.4	85.3	309	378
Families maintained by men[1]	178	220	100.0	100.0	407	406
Householder unemployed	46	73	25.9	33.1	([2])	([2])
Other member(s) unemployed	132	147	74.1	66.9	464	441

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

[2] Data not shown where base is less than 100,000.

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EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES: FIRST QUARTER 1991

As economic conditions deteriorated over the year, the number of families with an unemployed member rose by a little more than a million, reaching 6.2 million in the first quarter of 1991, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the same 1-year period, median wage and salary earnings of families rose by just 3.1 percent to $664. Other highlights of first quarter 1991 family data were:

---Reflecting the weakening job market, the number of families with one or more members employed full time fell to 48.9 million, 520,000 below the level for the first quarter of 1990. Overall, the total number of families with employed members (either full or part time) decreased by 330,000 over the year to 52.6 million. (See tables A and 1.)

---Unemployment affected 9.4 percent of all families in the first quarter, up from 7.8 percent a year earlier. Although the vast majority of such families still had at least one employed member, the number in which no one was employed grew by 360,000 to reach 1.8 million; this was 30 percent of all families with unemployment. (See tables A and 3.)

---The number of families in which no one was in the labor force also rose over the year, increasing by 380,000 to 11.2 million. About two-thirds of this increase was among families with members under 60 years old. (See tables A and 1.)

---Among families with children, 2.5 million had an unemployed parent, up 520,000 over the year. This increase was split about equally between families with children under 6 and families whose youngest child was 6 to 17 years old. (See table 4.)

---Median weekly earnings of all married-couple families with wage and salary workers were $751 in the first quarter, 3.9 percent higher than a year earlier. Earnings for families maintained by women rose twice as fast but, at $386, remained about half those of married couples. While median weekly earnings for all white families ($694) rose over the year, those for all black families ($481) and Hispanic families ($496) were about unchanged. (See table 6.)

Table A. Summary labor force characteristics of families, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	I 1990	I 1991	Change
Total families	65,279	65,693	414
With employed member(s)	52,948	52,615	-333
Percent of total families	81.1	80.1	-1.0
With member(s) employed full time	49,459	48,938	-521
Percent of total families	75.8	74.5	-1.3
With unemployed member(s)	5,092	6,177	1,085
Percent with employed member(s)	71.1	70.3	-.8
Percent of total families	7.8	9.4	1.6
With unemployed member(s), none employed	1,470	1,834	364
Percent of total families	2.3	2.8	.5
With no members in labor force	10,861	11,244	383
Percent with no members under 60 years old	60.7	59.7	-1.0
Percent of total families	16.6	17.1	.5
With children under 18 years old	31,738	31,844	106
Percent with employed parent(s)	88.7	87.3	-1.4
Percent with employed mother	61.6	60.6	-1.0
Percent of total families	48.6	48.5	-.1
With children under 6 year old	14,843	14,917	74
Percent with employed parent(s)	87.0	85.0	-2.0
Percent with employed mother	53.7	52.4	-1.3
Percent of total families	22.7	22.7	.0

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Explanatory Note

The estimates in this release were obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), which provides basic information on the labor force, employment, and unemployment. The survey is conducted monthly for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by the Bureau of the Census from a scientifically selected national sample of about 60,000 households, with coverage in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The earnings data are collected from one-quarter of the CPS monthly sample and are limited to wages and salaries. The data, therefore, exclude self-employed income.

Reliability

In any sample survey, variations in the data can occur by chance because a sample, rather than the whole of the population, is surveyed. The standard error is a measure of such potential variation. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the survey differs from a figure that would be obtained from a complete census by less than one standard error. The chances are about 90 out of 100 that such a difference would be less than 1.6 standard errors. All statements of comparisons in the text of this release are significant at 1.6 or more standard errors.

Standard errors for numbers and proportions of families can be approximated using tables found in the Household Data section of the Explanatory Notes in *Employment and Earnings*. Representative standard errors for median family earnings are available from BLS upon request.

Definitions

The principal definitions used in this release are described briefly below.

Family. A family is a group of two or more persons residing together who are related by blood, marriage, or adoption. The count of families is for "primary" families only, that is, the householder and all other persons related to and residing with the householder. Not included are unrelated subfamilies. Families are classified either as married-couple families or families maintained by women or men without spouses.

Householder. A householder is the person in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented.

Children. Children are defined as "own" children, that is never-married sons, daughters, stepchildren, and adopted children. Excluded are other related children, such as nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and cousins, and unrelated children.

Employed. Employed persons are all civilians who during the survey week: (a) Did any work at all as paid employees; (b) worked in their own business or profession or on their own farms; or (c) worked 15 hours or more as an unpaid worker in a family- operated enterprise. Also included are those who were temporarily absent from their jobs because of illness, vacation, bad weather, labor-management disputes, or personal reasons.

Full-time workers. Persons who usually work 35 hours or more per week on their sole or principal job. Persons who work less than 35 hours are part-time workers.

Unemployed. The unemployed are persons who had no employment during the survey week, were available for work at that time, and made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the prior 4 weeks. Persons laid off from their former jobs and awaiting recall and those expecting to report to a job within 30 days need not be looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

Civilian labor force. The civilian labor force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed.

Wage and salary workers. Workers who receive wages, salaries, commissions, tips, payment in kind, or piece rates. Persons who report themselves as self-employed, including those whose businesses are incorporated, are excluded from coverage in these earnings data.

Usual weekly earnings. Data on usual weekly earnings are provided from responses to the questions, "How much does...USUALLY earn per week at this job before deductions? Include any overtime pay, commissions, or tips usually received." The response is for the worker's sole or principal job, and the term "usual" is as perceived by the respondent. If the respondent asks for a definition of "usual," interviewers are instructed to define the term as more than half the weeks worked during the past 4 or 5 months.

Median weekly earnings. The median of weekly earnings is the value at which 50 percent of the earnings distribution lies above and 50 percent lies below. The estimating procedure places each reported earnings value into intervals which are centered around multiples of $50. The actual value is calculated through linear interpolation of the interval in which the median lies.

Over-the-year changes in the medians for component groups may not necessarily be consistent with the changes estimated for the overall median and therefore are not presented in this release. Circumstances under which this can occur include: (1) Even though medians of component groups may rise, if the lower-earnings group accounts for a sufficiently increased share of the total, the overall median can rise less than for any of the groups; and (2) survey observations tend to be clustered at rounded values, such as $250, $300, and $400, and an estimated median lying in a $50-wide centered interval containing such a cluster changes more slowly than one in non-clustered intervals. For example, if the medians for component groups are not in a cluster but the overall group median is, then the increase in the overall median will be less than for the components.

Table 1. Families by employment status of members, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	I 1990	I 1991	I 1990	I 1991
TOTAL				
Total families	65,279	65,693	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	10,861	11,244	16.6	17.1
With at least one member in the labor force	54,418	54,449	83.4	82.9
No member employed	1,470	1,834	2.3	2.8
Some member employed	52,948	52,615	81.1	80.1
No one unemployed	49,326	48,272	75.6	73.5
One or more employed full time	46,224	45,100	70.8	68.7
Some member unemployed	3,622	4,343	5.5	6.6
One or more employed full time	3,235	3,838	5.0	5.8
White				
Total families	55,889	56,180	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	9,096	9,349	16.3	16.6
With at least one member in the labor force	46,793	46,831	83.7	83.4
No member employed	1,004	1,292	1.8	2.3
Some member employed	45,789	45,539	81.9	81.1
No one unemployed	42,908	41,982	76.8	74.7
One or more employed full time	40,315	39,311	72.1	70.0
Some member unemployed	2,881	3,557	5.2	6.3
One or more employed full time	2,577	3,142	4.6	5.6
Black				
Total families	7,366	7,442	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	1,504	1,608	20.4	21.6
With at least one member in the labor force	5,862	5,833	79.6	78.4
No member employed	425	477	5.8	6.4
Some member employed	5,437	5,356	73.8	72.0
No one unemployed	4,824	4,714	65.5	63.3
One or more employed full time	4,408	4,306	59.8	57.9
Some member unemployed	613	642	8.3	8.6
One or more employed full time	544	565	7.4	7.6
Hispanic origin				
Total families	4,839	4,909	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	706	756	14.6	15.4
With at least one member in the labor force	4,133	4,153	85.4	84.6
No member employed	173	208	3.6	4.2
Some member employed	3,960	3,945	81.8	80.4
No one unemployed	3,583	3,485	74.0	71.0
One or more employed full time	3,374	3,269	69.7	66.6
Some member unemployed	377	461	7.8	9.4
One or more employed full time	340	409	7.0	8.3

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 2. Families by employment status of members and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	I 1990	I 1991	I 1990	I 1991
Married-couple families	51,413	51,331	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	7,886	7,981	15.3	15.5
With at least one member in the labor force	43,526	43,349	84.7	84.4
No member employed	677	886	1.3	1.7
Some member employed	42,849	42,463	83.3	82.7
Husband only	10,956	10,771	21.3	21.0
Wife only	2,651	2,927	5.2	5.7
Husband and wife	25,550	25,188	49.7	49.1
Husband and wife only	20,857	20,761	40.6	40.4
Other combinations	3,692	3,576	7.2	7.0
Families maintained by women	10,984	11,418	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	2,648	2,917	24.1	25.5
With at least one member in the labor force	8,336	8,501	75.9	74.5
No member employed	656	774	6.0	6.8
Some member employed	7,680	7,728	69.9	67.7
Householder employed	6,313	6,415	57.5	56.2
Householder only	4,107	4,198	37.4	36.8
Householder and other(s)	2,207	2,217	20.1	19.4
Other combinations	1,367	1,312	12.4	11.5
Families maintained by men	2,883	2,944	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	327	346	11.3	11.8
With at least one member in the labor force	2,556	2,598	88.7	88.2
No member employed	137	174	4.8	5.9
Some member employed	2,419	2,424	83.9	82.3
Householder employed	2,078	2,061	72.1	70.0
Householder only	1,153	1,169	40.0	39.7
Householder and other(s)	925	892	32.1	30.3
Other combinations	340	363	11.8	12.3

Table 3. Families with unemployed members by type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	I 1990	I 1991	I 1990	I 1991
Families with unemployment	5,092	6,177	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	3,622	4,343	71.1	70.3
With no members employed	1,470	1,834	28.9	29.7
Married-couple families	3,526	4,339	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	2,850	3,453	80.8	79.6
With no members employed	677	886	19.2	20.4
With husband unemployed	1,465	1,924	41.5	44.3
Wife employed	880	1,153	25.0	26.6
Other(s) employed	88	109	2.5	2.5
No one employed	497	662	14.1	15.3
With wife unemployed	973	1,155	27.6	26.6
Husband employed	875	1,033	24.8	23.8
Other(s) employed	17	17	.5	.4
No one employed	81	106	2.3	2.4
With other member(s) unemployed	1,089	1,261	30.9	29.1
Families maintained by women	1,227	1,436	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	571	663	46.5	46.2
With no members employed	656	774	53.5	53.9
With householder unemployed	542	641	44.2	44.6
Other(s) employed	78	102	6.4	7.1
No one employed	464	539	37.8	37.5
With other member(s) unemployed	685	795	55.8	55.4
Families maintained by men	338	402	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	201	228	59.5	56.7
With no members employed	137	174	40.5	43.3
With householder unemployed	143	210	42.3	52.2
Other(s) employed	46	74	13.6	18.4
No one employed	97	136	28.7	33.8
With other member(s) unemployed	195	192	57.7	47.8

Table 4. Families with children under 18 years old by the employment status of parent(s) and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(In thousands)

Characteristic	1990			1991		
	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old
Total families	31,738	16,895	14,843	31,844	16,927	14,917
Married-couple families	24,012	12,277	11,735	23,787	12,223	11,564
With employed parent(s)	23,078	11,821	11,256	22,715	11,704	11,009
Neither unemployed	22,011	11,277	10,735	21,373	11,021	10,352
Father employed	7,095	2,772	4,323	6,850	2,709	4,141
Mother employed	522	338	184	533	341	191
Both employed	14,394	8,167	6,228	13,990	7,971	6,020
One unemployed	1,067	545	521	1,341	683	658
Father unemployed	504	263	240	663	374	289
Mother unemployed	563	282	281	678	309	369
With no employed parent	934	455	479	1,072	518	555
Father unemployed	296	100	196	393	151	242
Mother unemployed	34	24	11	54	29	25
Both unemployed	84	41	43	100	44	57
Neither in labor force	520	290	229	525	294	231
Families maintained by women	6,594	3,905	2,689	6,865	3,971	2,894
Mother employed	4,115	2,803	1,312	4,106	2,796	1,310
Mother not employed	2,479	1,101	1,377	2,759	1,175	1,584
Unemployed	451	238	212	517	264	253
Not in labor force	2,028	863	1,165	2,242	911	1,331
Families maintained by men	1,132	713	419	1,193	734	459
Father employed	954	602	352	975	615	360
Father not employed	179	111	66	218	118	100
Unemployed	72	41	30	114	56	58
Not in labor force	107	70	36	104	62	42
Total families with unemployed parents	2,004	989	1,013	2,519	1,227	1,293

Table 5. Employment status of persons in families by family relationship, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	I 1990					I 1991				
	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed			Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed		
			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)
TOTAL										
In families	149,232	66.3	5,650	5.7	69.9	149,823	65.9	6,908	7.0	68.7
In married-couple families	123,131	67.0	3,892	4.7	79.1	122,989	66.7	4,803	5.9	77.6
Husbands	51,413	77.9	1,465	3.7	66.1	51,331	77.6	1,924	4.8	65.6
Wives	51,413	58.2	1,101	3.7	83.0	51,331	58.5	1,315	4.4	81.3
Other family member(s)	20,305	61.4	1,326	10.6	90.1	20,327	60.0	1,564	12.8	89.3
In families maintained by women	20,335	61.2	1,381	11.1	47.5	20,961	60.2	1,639	13.0	47.0
Householder	10,984	62.4	542	7.9	14.4	11,418	61.8	641	9.1	16.0
Other family member(s)	9,351	59.8	839	15.0	68.9	9,543	58.3	998	17.9	66.9
In families maintained by men	5,768	70.0	377	9.3	57.0	5,872	69.6	467	11.4	53.7
Householder	2,883	77.0	143	6.4	32.1	2,944	77.1	210	9.2	35.2
Other family member(s)	2,885	62.9	234	12.9	72.3	2,928	62.0	257	14.1	69.0
White										
In families	127,715	66.8	4,262	5.0	72.7	127,928	66.6	5,346	6.3	71.4
In married-couple families	109,731	67.0	3,231	4.4	79.4	109,685	66.8	4,101	5.6	77.6
Husbands	46,240	77.9	1,231	3.4	65.8	46,290	77.5	1,672	4.7	65.3
Wives	46,226	57.5	917	3.5	83.4	46,269	57.9	1,141	4.3	82.0
Other family member(s)	17,265	63.1	1,083	9.9	91.4	17,126	62.1	1,288	12.1	89.6
In families maintained by women	13,441	63.5	740	8.7	48.5	13,650	63.3	875	10.1	49.9
Householder	7,361	63.5	279	6.0	18.3	7,572	63.8	344	7.1	20.3
Other family member(s)	6,080	63.6	461	11.9	66.8	6,078	62.6	531	13.9	69.2
In families maintained by men	4,543	72.1	290	8.9	60.0	4,593	71.6	370	11.3	54.3
Householder	2,267	79.3	105	5.8	35.4	2,304	79.3	170	9.3	36.5
Other family member(s)	2,276	64.9	185	12.5	74.2	2,289	63.8	200	13.7	69.4
Black										
In families	16,349	62.6	1,200	11.7	59.4	16,491	61.5	1,319	13.0	57.9
In married-couple families	9,141	66.9	514	8.4	77.4	8,953	67.0	522	8.7	78.5
Husbands	3,594	75.9	175	6.4	66.4	3,487	76.7	186	7.0	67.0
Wives	3,507	65.6	138	6.0	80.5	3,391	66.3	122	5.4	80.0
Other family member(s)	2,040	53.2	201	19.6	83.9	2,075	52.0	214	19.8	87.5
In families maintained by women	6,281	56.6	615	17.3	46.5	6,600	54.2	720	20.1	43.5
Householder	3,301	60.4	254	12.7	10.6	3,481	58.1	283	14.0	10.6
Other family member(s)	2,980	52.4	361	23.1	71.7	3,119	49.8	437	28.1	64.8
In families maintained by men	927	60.3	70	12.5	44.3	938	60.3	76	13.4	53.9
Householder	491	67.3	30	9.2	([1])	498	67.5	27	8.0	([1])
Other family member(s)	436	52.5	40	17.5	([1])	440	52.3	49	21.5	([1])
Hispanic origin										
In families	11,703	64.5	619	8.2	67.4	11,954	63.2	775	10.3	66.7
In married-couple families	8,829	65.6	419	7.2	75.7	8,868	64.7	538	9.4	73.2
Husbands	3,358	83.2	147	5.2	54.0	3,386	82.9	238	8.5	61.5
Wives	3,485	52.8	125	6.8	83.6	3,484	51.7	138	7.6	75.4
Other family member(s)	1,986	58.4	147	12.7	90.2	1,998	56.2	162	14.4	88.7
In families maintained by women	2,091	54.1	138	12.2	39.1	2,207	52.8	141	12.1	48.9
Householder	1,132	52.2	61	10.3	11.7	1,179	51.0	59	9.8	([1])
Other family member(s)	959	56.3	77	14.3	61.6	1,028	54.9	82	14.5	62.2
In families maintained by men	783	79.7	62	9.9	74.2	879	73.9	96	14.8	56.3
Householder	350	87.7	22	7.3	([1])	368	87.0	36	11.4	([1])
Other family member(s)	433	73.2	40	12.5	([1])	511	64.5	60	18.2	64.3

[1] Data not shown where base is less than 60,000.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	I 1990	I 1991	I 1990	I 1991	I 1990	I 1991
TOTAL						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	43,657	43,258	100.0	100.0	$644	$664
One earner	18,643	18,618	42.7	43.0	387	398
Two or more earners	25,013	24,640	57.3	57.0	841	877
Married-couple families	34,060	33,771	100.0	100.0	723	751
One earner	12,264	12,240	36.0	36.2	453	452
Husband	9,165	8,808	26.9	26.1	525	541
Wife	2,392	2,728	7.0	8.1	267	269
Other family member	707	704	2.1	2.1	269	262
Two or more earners	21,796	21,531	64.0	63.8	873	909
Husband and wife only	15,798	15,869	46.4	47.0	836	884
Husband, wife, and other family member(s)	3,551	3,322	10.4	9.8	1,131	1,148
Husband and other family member(s)	1,728	1,571	5.1	4.7	816	830
Wife and other family member(s)	533	576	1.6	1.7	596	586
Other family members only	187	192	.5	.6	593	657
Families maintained by women	7,512	7,432	100.0	100.0	358	386
One earner	5,103	5,069	67.9	68.2	284	308
Householder	4,051	4,066	53.9	54.7	292	317
Other family member	1,052	1,003	14.0	13.5	254	270
Two or more earners	2,408	2,363	32.1	31.8	614	611
Families maintained by men	2,085	2,055	100.0	100.0	512	531
One earner	1,276	1,309	61.2	63.7	380	413
Householder	1,017	1,046	48.8	50.9	407	463
Other family member	259	263	12.4	12.8	257	282
Two or more earners	809	747	38.8	36.3	769	739
White						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	37,060	36,698	100.0	100.0	672	694
One earner	15,351	15,400	41.4	42.0	412	418
Two or more earners	21,710	21,299	58.6	58.0	856	893
Married-couple families	30,201	29,916	100.0	100.0	736	766
One earner	10,943	10,929	36.2	36.5	474	471
Husband	8,326	7,976	27.6	26.7	547	557
Wife	2,004	2,341	6.6	7.8	273	270
Two or more earners	19,257	18,987	63.8	63.5	883	919
Husband and wife only	13,997	14,030	46.3	46.9	846	894
Families maintained by women	5,202	5,167	100.0	100.0	385	402
One earner	3,425	3,457	65.8	66.9	296	319
Two or more earners	1,777	1,710	34.2	33.1	617	622
Families maintained by men	1,658	1,616	100.0	100.0	527	559
One earner	982	1,014	59.2	62.8	391	434
Two or more earners	676	602	40.8	37.2	787	765
Black						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	5,161	5,126	100.0	100.0	439	481
One earner	2,730	2,623	52.9	51.2	283	294
Two or more earners	2,431	2,503	47.1	48.8	715	712
Married-couple families	2,721	2,728	100.0	100.0	590	626
One earner	938	887	34.5	32.5	303	316
Husband	552	507	20.3	18.6	340	382
Wife	311	307	11.4	11.3	238	263
Two or more earners	1,782	1,842	65.5	67.5	764	773
Husband and wife only	1,265	1,350	46.5	49.5	738	746
Families maintained by women	2,099	2,029	100.0	100.0	308	333
One earner	1,546	1,467	73.6	72.3	263	273
Two or more earners	553	561	26.4	27.7	590	587
Families maintained by men	341	369	100.0	100.0	419	412
One earner	245	269	72.1	72.9	340	324
Two or more earners	95	100	27.9	27.1	([2])	610

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	I 1990	I 1991	I 1990	I 1991	I 1990	I 1991
Hispanic origin						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	3,584	3,592	100.0	100.0	$490	$496
One earner	1,699	1,772	47.4	49.3	299	305
Two or more earners	1,885	1,820	52.6	50.7	687	703
Married-couple families	2,595	2,657	100.0	100.0	544	543
One earner	1,117	1,222	43.0	46.0	321	329
Husband	867	889	33.4	33.5	353	379
Wife	165	218	6.3	8.2	247	222
Two or more earners	1,478	1,435	57.0	54.0	700	738
Husband and wife only	908	876	35.0	33.0	657	730
Families maintained by women	700	688	100.0	100.0	321	323
One earner	438	426	62.5	62.0	250	254
Two or more earners	263	262	37.5	38.0	618	543
Families maintained by men	289	247	100.0	100.0	452	521
One earner	145	124	50.2	50.2	264	313
Two or more earners	144	123	49.8	49.8	731	658

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

[2] Data not shown where base is less than 100,000.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 7. Families with unemployed members and wage and salary earners by type of family and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	I 1990	I 1991	I 1990	I 1991	I 1990	I 1991
Families with unemployment and wage and salary earners[1]	3,290	3,964	--	--	$417	$423
Married-couple families	2,491	3,123	100.0	100.0	462	451
Husband unemployed	880	1,252	35.3	40.1	297	300
Wife only earner	656	977	26.3	31.3	271	278
Wife and other earner(s)	148	163	5.9	5.2	486	516
Other earners only	76	111	3.0	3.6	([2])	200
Wife unemployed	849	937	34.1	30.0	467	461
Husband only earner	686	798	27.5	25.5	440	423
Husband and other earner(s)	143	119	5.7	3.8	655	767
Other earners only	20	20	.8	.6	([2])	([2])
Other members unemployed	763	934	30.6	29.9	739	780
Husband or wife earners	281	340	11.3	10.9	529	504
Both husband and wife earners	463	563	18.6	18.0	862	980
Other combinations of earners	18	32	.7	1.0	([2])	([2])
Families maintained by women[1]	608	630	100.0	100.0	293	330
Householder unemployed	74	101	12.2	16.0	([2])	167
Other member(s) unemployed	533	529	87.8	84.0	309	367
Families maintained by men[1]	192	212	100.0	100.0	332	483
Householder unemployed	52	65	27.1	30.7	([2])	([2])
Other member(s) unemployed	140	147	72.9	69.3	419	540

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

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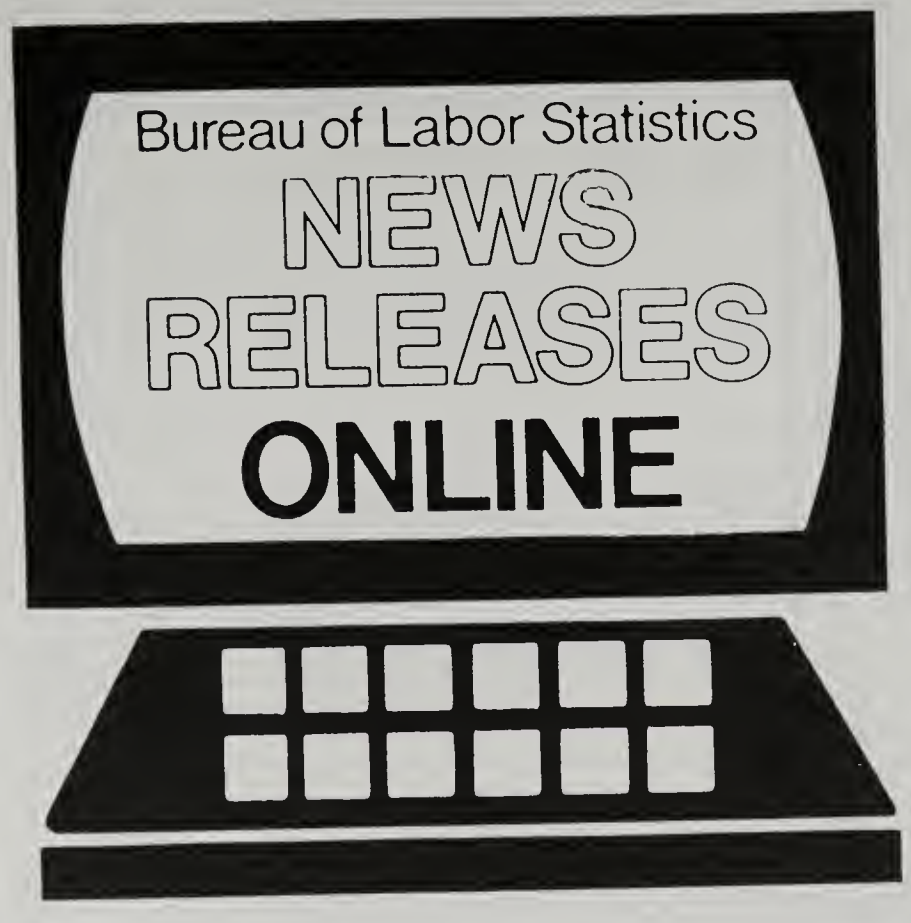

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EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES: FOURTH QUARTER 1990

Reflecting the weakening of the economy, nearly 5.2 million families had an unemployed member in the fourth quarter of 1990, 500,000 more than a year earlier, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the same period, the median wage and salary earnings of families rose by only 2.8 percent to $657. Other highlights:

--The number of all families with at least one member employed was virtually the same as a year earlier; however, the proportion with at least one member employed full time declined over the year by 0.5 percentage point. (See tables A and 1.)

--The proportion of families with an unemployed member was 7.9 percent in the fourth quarter, up from 7.1 percent a year earlier. In both periods, 7 out of 10 such families also had one or more employed members. (See tables A and 3.)

--The number of families where both the mother and the father were employed fell by about 360,000 over the year ended in the fourth quarter of 1990 to 14.4 million. This development was reflected in an increase in parental unemployment. At least one parent was unemployed in 6.4 percent of all families with children in the fourth quarter compared with 5.6 percent a year earlier. (See table 4.)

--Median weekly wage and salary earnings of married-couple families reached $736 by the fourth quarter, 2.8 percent higher than a year earlier. While the median for families maintained by women grew by about 3.4 percent, to $360, it remained approximately half that of married couples. (See table 6.)

--For families with unemployed members as well as wage and salary workers, median weekly earnings were $428. Earnings varied by family type and depended on who, within the family, was unemployed. In about one-third of the married-couple families with unemployment, the husband was the jobless member and median earnings for these families were $315. In another third, it was the wife who was unemployed and the median was $504. For the remainder, where the jobless member was neither the husband nor wife, median weekly earnings were $710. (See table 7.)

Annual averages for 1990

In addition to the data for the fourth quarter of 1990, this release presents three tables with 1989 and 1990 annual averages on family employment patterns and weekly earnings. (See tables 8 through 10.)

Table A. Summary labor force characteristics of families, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	IV 1989	IV 1990	Change
Total families	65,409	65,742	333
With employed member(s)	53,255	53,334	79
Percent of total families	81.4	81.1	-.3
With member(s) employed full time	49,894	49,806	-88
Percent of total families	76.3	75.8	-.5
With unemployed member(s)	4,663	5,164	501
Percent with employed member(s)	71.3	71.2	-.1
Percent of total families	7.1	7.9	.8
With unemployed member(s), none employed	1,340	1,488	148
Percent of total families	2.0	2.3	.3
With no members in labor force	10,814	10,920	106
Percent with no members under 60 years old	61.9	61.9	-
Percent of total families	16.5	16.6	.1
With children under 18 years old	31,866	31,879	13
Percent with employed parent(s)	89.0	88.4	-.6
Percent with employed mother	62.0	61.5	-.5
Percent of total families	48.7	48.5	-.2
With children under 6 year old	14,863	14,873	10
Percent with employed parent(s)	87.7	86.6	-1.1
Percent with employed mother	54.0	53.2	-.8
Percent of total families	22.7	22.6	-.1

Explanatory Note

The estimates in this release were obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), which provides basic information on the labor force, employment, and unemployment. The survey is conducted monthly for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by the Bureau of the Census from a scientifically selected national sample of about 60,000 households, with coverage in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The earnings data are collected from one-quarter of the CPS monthly sample and are limited to wages and salaries. The data, therefore, exclude self-employed income.

Reliability

In any sample survey, variations in the data can occur by chance because a sample, rather than the whole of the population, is surveyed. The standard error is a measure of such potential variation. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the survey differs from a figure that would be obtained from a complete census by less than one standard error. The chances are about 90 out of 100 that such a difference would be less than 1.6 standard errors. All statements of comparisons in the text of this release are significant at 1.6 or more standard errors.

Standard errors for numbers and proportions of families can be approximated using tables found in the Household Data section of the Explanatory Notes in *Employment and Earnings*. Representative standard errors for median family earnings are available from BLS upon request.

Definitions

The principal definitions used in this release are described briefly below.

Family. A family is a group of two or more persons residing together who are related by blood, marriage, or adoption. The count of families is for "primary" families only, that is, the householder and all other persons related to and residing with the householder. Not included are unrelated subfamilies. Families are classified either as married-couple families or families maintained by women or men without spouses.

Householder. A householder is the person in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented.

Children. Children are defined as "own" children, that is never-married sons, daughters, stepchildren, and adopted children. Excluded are other related children, such as nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and cousins, and unrelated children.

Employed. Employed persons are all civilians who during the survey week: (a) Did any work at all as paid employees; (b) worked in their own business or profession or on their own farms; or (c) worked 15 hours or more as an unpaid worker in a family- operated enterprise. Also included are those who were temporarily absent from their jobs because of illness, vacation, bad weather, labor-management disputes, or personal reasons.

Full-time workers. Persons who usually work 35 hours or more per week on their sole or principal job. Persons who work less than 35 hours are part-time workers.

Unemployed. The unemployed are persons who had no employment during the survey week, were available for work at that time, and made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the prior 4 weeks. Persons laid off from their former jobs and awaiting recall and those expecting to report to a job within 30 days need not be looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

Civilian labor force. The civilian labor force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed.

Wage and salary workers. Workers who receive wages, salaries, commissions, tips, payment in kind, or piece rates. Persons who report themselves as self-employed, including those whose businesses are incorporated, are excluded from coverage in these earnings data.

Usual weekly earnings. Data on usual weekly earnings are provided from responses to the questions, "How much does...USUALLY earn per week at this job before deductions? Include any overtime pay, commissions, or tips usually received." The response is for the worker's sole or principal job, and the term "usual" is as perceived by the respondent. If the respondent asks for a definition of "usual," interviewers are instructed to define the term as more than half the weeks worked during the past 4 or 5 months.

Median weekly earnings. The median of weekly earnings is the value at which 50 percent of the earnings distribution lies above and 50 percent lies below. The estimating procedure places each reported earnings value into intervals which are centered around multiples of $50. The actual value is calculated through linear interpolation of the interval in which the median lies.

Over-the-year changes in the medians for component groups may not necessarily be consistent with the changes estimated for the overall median and therefore are not presented in this release. Circumstances under which this can occur include: (1) Even though medians of component groups may rise, if the lower-earnings group accounts for a sufficiently increased share of the total, the overall median can rise less than for any of the groups; and (2) survey observations tend to be clustered at rounded values, such as $250, $300, and $400, and an estimated median lying in a $50-wide centered interval containing such a cluster changes more slowly than one in non-clustered intervals. For example, if the medians for component groups are not in a cluster but the overall group median is, then the increase in the overall median will be less than for the components.

Table 1. Families by employment status of members, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	IV 1989	IV 1990	IV 1989	IV 1990
TOTAL				
Total families	65,409	65,742	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	10,814	10,920	16.5	16.6
With at least one member in the labor force	54,595	54,822	83.5	83.4
No member employed	1,340	1,488	2.0	2.3
Some member employed	53,255	53,334	81.4	81.1
No one unemployed	49,932	49,658	76.3	75.5
One or more employed full time	46,898	46,554	71.7	70.8
Some member unemployed	3,323	3,676	5.1	5.6
One or more employed full time	2,996	3,252	4.6	4.9
White				
Total families	56,028	56,211	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	9,129	9,117	16.3	16.2
With at least one member in the labor force	46,899	47,094	83.7	83.8
No member employed	846	968	1.5	1.7
Some member employed	46,053	46,126	82.2	82.1
No one unemployed	43,449	43,266	77.5	77.0
One or more employed full time	40,918	40,651	73.0	72.3
Some member unemployed	2,604	2,860	4.6	5.1
One or more employed full time	2,359	2,540	4.2	4.5
Black				
Total families	7,341	7,417	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	1,427	1,529	19.4	20.6
With at least one member in the labor force	5,914	5,887	80.6	79.4
No member employed	454	462	6.2	6.2
Some member employed	5,460	5,426	74.4	73.2
No one unemployed	4,854	4,761	66.1	64.2
One or more employed full time	4,462	4,378	60.8	59.0
Some member unemployed	606	665	8.3	9.0
One or more employed full time	533	578	7.3	7.8
Hispanic origin				
Total families	4,847	4,879	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	655	712	13.5	14.6
With at least one member in the labor force	4,193	4,167	86.5	85.4
No member employed	150	167	3.1	3.4
Some member employed	4,043	4,000	83.4	82.0
No one unemployed	3,612	3,574	74.5	73.3
One or more employed full time	3,414	3,375	70.4	69.2
Some member unemployed	431	426	8.9	8.7
One or more employed full time	393	377	8.1	7.7

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 2. Families by employment status of members and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	IV 1989	IV 1990	IV 1989	IV 1990
Married-couple families	51,402	51,495	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	7,832	7,804	15.2	15.2
With at least one member in the labor force	43,570	43,691	84.8	84.8
No member employed	561	615	1.1	1.2
Some member employed	43,009	43,075	83.7	83.6
Husband only	10,868	10,859	21.1	21.1
Wife only	2,396	2,698	4.7	5.2
Husband and wife	26,121	25,868	50.8	50.2
Husband and wife only	21,153	21,179	41.2	41.1
Other combinations	3,623	3,650	7.0	7.1
Families maintained by women	11,167	11,339	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	2,677	2,792	24.0	24.6
With at least one member in the labor force	8,489	8,547	76.0	75.4
No member employed	674	734	6.0	6.5
Some member employed	7,815	7,813	70.0	68.9
Householder employed	6,420	6,421	57.5	56.6
Householder only	4,062	4,106	36.4	36.2
Householder and other(s)	2,358	2,315	21.1	20.4
Other combinations	1,395	1,392	12.5	12.3
Families maintained by men	2,841	2,908	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	305	324	10.7	11.1
With at least one member in the labor force	2,536	2,584	89.3	88.9
No member employed	105	138	3.7	4.7
Some member employed	2,431	2,446	85.6	84.1
Householder employed	2,118	2,131	74.6	73.3
Householder only	1,150	1,193	40.5	41.0
Householder and other(s)	968	938	34.1	32.3
Other combinations	313	315	11.0	10.8

Table 3. Families with unemployed members by type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	IV 1989	IV 1990	IV 1989	IV 1990
Families with unemployment	4,663	5,164	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	3,323	3,676	71.3	71.2
With no members employed	1,340	1,488	28.7	28.8
Married-couple families	3,174	3,462	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	2,614	2,847	82.4	82.2
With no members employed	561	615	17.7	17.8
With husband unemployed	1,141	1,376	35.9	39.7
Wife employed	660	839	20.8	24.2
Other(s) employed	74	77	2.3	2.2
No one employed	406	460	12.8	13.3
With wife unemployed	981	1,036	30.9	29.9
Husband employed	898	953	28.3	27.5
Other(s) employed	13	15	.4	.4
No one employed	70	67	2.2	1.9
With other member(s) unemployed	1,053	1,050	33.2	30.3
Families maintained by women	1,231	1,389	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	557	655	45.2	47.2
With no members employed	674	734	54.8	52.8
With householder unemployed	544	597	44.2	43.0
Other(s) employed	86	102	7.0	7.3
No one employed	458	494	37.2	35.6
With other member(s) unemployed	687	792	55.8	57.0
Families maintained by men	257	313	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	152	175	59.1	55.9
With no members employed	105	138	40.9	44.1
With householder unemployed	116	148	45.1	47.3
Other(s) employed	42	45	16.3	14.4
No one employed	74	102	28.8	32.6
With other member(s) unemployed	141	165	54.9	52.7

Table 4. Families with children under 18 years old by the employment status of parent(s) and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(In thousands)

Characteristic	IV 1989			IV 1990		
	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old
Total families	31,866	17,002	14,863	31,879	17,006	14,873
Married-couple families	24,028	12,289	11,738	23,879	12,333	11,546
With employed parent(s)	23,190	11,849	11,341	23,024	11,877	11,147
Neither unemployed	22,232	11,373	10,859	21,942	11,313	10,629
Father employed	7,005	2,706	4,299	6,962	2,709	4,253
Mother employed	453	292	162	562	370	192
Both employed	14,774	8,375	6,398	14,418	8,234	6,184
One unemployed	958	476	482	1,082	564	518
Father unemployed	356	202	154	465	265	200
Mother unemployed	602	274	328	617	299	318
With no employed parent	836	440	397	855	456	399
Father unemployed	244	98	146	272	105	167
Mother unemployed	24	15	9	38	20	18
Both unemployed	61	29	32	80	44	36
Neither in labor force	507	298	210	465	287	178
Families maintained by women	6,667	4,001	2,667	6,795	3,975	2,819
Mother employed	4,174	2,868	1,306	4,150	2,821	1,329
Mother not employed	2,494	1,132	1,361	2,645	1,154	1,491
Unemployed	452	225	227	483	238	245
Not in labor force	2,042	907	1,134	2,162	916	1,246
Families maintained by men	1,171	712	458	1,205	697	507
Father employed	1,001	609	392	1,001	589	411
Father not employed	170	103	67	204	108	96
Unemployed	58	32	26	87	41	46
Not in labor force	112	71	41	117	67	50
Total families with unemployed parents	1,797	875	922	2,042	1,012	1,030

Table 5. Employment status of persons in families by family relationship, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	IV 1989					IV 1990				
	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed			Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed		
			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)
TOTAL										
In families	149,208	66.9	5,182	5.2	69.3	149,832	66.6	5,686	5.7	69.8
In married-couple families	122,904	67.6	3,485	4.2	80.5	123,130	67.3	3,777	4.6	80.0
Husbands	51,401	78.2	1,141	2.8	64.4	51,495	78.0	1,376	3.4	66.6
Wives	51,401	58.7	1,074	3.6	85.8	51,495	58.9	1,158	3.8	85.0
Other family member(s)	20,102	63.3	1,270	10.0	90.6	20,140	61.5	1,243	10.0	90.2
In families maintained by women	20,675	61.7	1,415	11.1	44.5	20,992	60.9	1,561	12.2	48.3
Householder	11,167	62.4	544	7.8	15.9	11,339	61.9	597	8.5	17.2
Other family member(s)	9,508	60.8	871	15.1	62.5	9,653	59.8	964	16.7	67.6
In families maintained by men	5,629	71.2	283	7.1	55.5	5,711	70.9	349	8.6	54.7
Householder	2,841	78.6	116	5.2	36.1	2,908	78.4	148	6.5	30.7
Other family member(s)	2,788	63.5	167	9.4	69.2	2,803	63.1	201	11.4	72.8
White										
In families	127,690	67.3	3,738	4.3	73.5	127,953	67.2	4,145	4.8	73.1
In married-couple families	109,564	67.6	2,837	3.8	80.5	109,689	67.3	3,094	4.2	79.8
Husbands	46,271	78.3	956	2.6	64.2	46,338	78.0	1,149	3.2	65.7
Wives	46,248	58.0	897	3.3	86.0	46,363	58.3	976	3.6	85.9
Other family member(s)	17,045	64.6	984	8.9	91.3	16,988	63.1	969	9.0	90.2
In families maintained by women	13,719	63.5	684	7.8	50.0	13,779	63.9	802	9.1	53.2
Householder	7,505	63.5	250	5.3	21.9	7,558	63.9	303	6.3	23.8
Other family member(s)	6,214	63.7	434	11.0	66.0	6,221	63.8	499	12.6	71.1
In families maintained by men	4,407	73.2	215	6.7	57.2	4,485	72.8	250	7.7	53.6
Householder	2,242	80.1	89	5.0	34.9	2,294	80.1	110	6.0	29.5
Other family member(s)	2,165	66.0	126	8.8	72.9	2,191	65.2	140	9.8	72.9
Black										
In families	16,428	63.7	1,275	12.2	56.7	16,511	62.6	1,315	12.7	59.8
In married-couple families	9,197	67.8	512	8.2	82.0	9,091	68.0	513	8.3	83.0
Husbands	3,579	75.8	143	5.3	70.3	3,537	76.7	171	6.3	72.6
Wives	3,512	66.5	133	5.7	83.9	3,434	66.8	121	5.3	83.6
Other family member(s)	2,106	56.5	236	19.9	87.5	2,120	55.4	221	18.9	90.8
In families maintained by women	6,331	57.9	706	19.3	39.2	6,491	55.0	722	20.2	43.1
Householder	3,321	60.2	281	14.1	10.7	3,416	57.8	279	14.1	10.0
Other family member(s)	3,010	55.5	425	25.4	58.3	3,075	51.8	443	27.9	63.8
In families maintained by men	900	62.9	57	10.1	(1)	929	62.9	79	13.5	62.0
Householder	461	71.8	22	6.5	(1)	483	71.2	30	8.8	(1)
Other family member(s)	439	53.4	35	14.9	(1)	446	53.9	49	20.6	(1)
Hispanic origin										
In families	11,602	65.6	623	8.2	71.7	12,015	64.0	656	8.5	70.7
In married-couple families	8,784	66.8	447	7.6	78.7	8,964	65.5	446	7.6	76.2
Husbands	3,401	84.7	162	5.6	58.8	3,392	84.0	179	6.3	58.7
Wives	3,451	52.0	122	6.8	86.7	3,457	50.9	118	6.7	83.5
Other family member(s)	1,932	61.8	163	13.6	92.4	2,115	59.6	149	11.8	91.8
In families maintained by women	2,063	55.2	131	11.5	48.9	2,271	53.7	151	12.4	59.6
Householder	1,129	53.6	46	7.5	(1)	1,170	51.3	52	8.6	(1)
Other family member(s)	934	57.1	85	15.9	63.6	1,101	56.2	99	16.0	74.9
In families maintained by men	755	80.1	45	7.4	(1)	780	76.0	60	10.1	56.7
Householder	342	88.0	20	6.6	(1)	342	85.0	27	9.2	(1)
Other family member(s)	413	73.7	25	8.4	(1)	438	69.1	33	11.0	(1)

[1] Data not shown where base is less than 60,000.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	IV 1989	IV 1990	IV 1989	IV 1990	IV 1989	IV 1990
TOTAL						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	43,906	43,842	100.0	100.0	$639	$657
One earner	18,208	18,587	41.5	42.4	384	395
Two or more earners	25,698	25,255	58.5	57.6	826	850
Married-couple families	34,341	34,355	100.0	100.0	716	736
One earner	11,826	12,259	34.4	35.7	450	457
Husband	8,782	8,899	25.6	25.9	518	523
Wife	2,269	2,583	6.6	7.5	253	269
Other family member	775	777	2.3	2.3	280	288
Two or more earners	22,516	22,096	65.6	64.3	855	882
Husband and wife only	16,430	16,195	47.8	47.1	822	851
Husband, wife, and other family member(s)	3,668	3,526	10.7	10.3	1,111	1,149
Husband and other family member(s)	1,708	1,643	5.0	4.8	813	818
Wife and other family member(s)	527	537	1.5	1.6	526	543
Other family members only	183	195	.5	.6	610	617
Families maintained by women	7,493	7,299	100.0	100.0	348	360
One earner	5,141	5,013	68.6	68.7	275	288
Householder	4,070	3,913	54.3	53.6	287	300
Other family member	1,071	1,100	14.3	15.1	220	245
Two or more earners	2,352	2,287	31.4	31.3	566	600
Families maintained by men	2,071	2,187	100.0	100.0	524	518
One earner	1,241	1,315	59.9	60.1	402	403
Householder	1,015	1,084	49.0	49.6	424	431
Other family member	226	231	10.9	10.6	300	306
Two or more earners	830	872	40.1	39.9	782	792
White						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	37,229	37,447	100.0	100.0	667	684
One earner	14,998	15,416	40.3	41.2	408	417
Two or more earners	22,232	22,031	59.7	58.8	843	866
Married-couple families	30,388	30,562	100.0	100.0	729	748
One earner	10,547	10,934	34.7	35.8	470	473
Husband	7,991	8,113	26.3	26.5	532	538
Wife	1,869	2,168	6.2	7.1	257	269
Two or more earners	19,841	19,628	65.3	64.2	867	894
Husband and wife only	14,523	14,471	47.8	47.3	832	863
Families maintained by women	5,205	5,143	100.0	100.0	369	381
One earner	3,484	3,479	66.9	67.6	289	299
Two or more earners	1,721	1,664	33.1	32.4	579	605
Families maintained by men	1,636	1,743	100.0	100.0	546	542
One earner	966	1,003	59.1	57.6	418	414
Two or more earners	670	740	40.9	42.4	817	776
Black						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	5,213	4,961	100.0	100.0	453	468
One earner	2,621	2,545	50.3	51.3	267	284
Two or more earners	2,593	2,417	49.7	48.7	678	720
Married-couple families	2,840	2,662	100.0	100.0	586	616
One earner	927	874	32.6	32.8	307	308
Husband	537	471	18.9	17.7	363	355
Wife	327	340	11.5	12.8	213	254
Two or more earners	1,913	1,788	67.4	67.2	729	766
Husband and wife only	1,426	1,268	50.2	47.6	712	719
Families maintained by women	2,058	1,946	100.0	100.0	293	309
One earner	1,488	1,417	72.3	72.8	226	259
Two or more earners	570	530	27.7	27.2	536	566
Families maintained by men	315	353	100.0	100.0	439	434
One earner	205	254	65.2	72.0	347	347
Two or more earners	110	99	34.8	28.0	648	([2])

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	IV 1989	IV 1990	IV 1989	IV 1990	IV 1989	IV 1990
Hispanic origin						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	3,711	3,653	100.0	100.0	$481	$491
One earner	1,753	1,685	47.2	46.1	308	300
Two or more earners	1,958	1,968	52.8	53.9	649	693
Married-couple families	2,688	2,651	100.0	100.0	533	549
One earner	1,092	1,054	40.6	39.8	321	317
Husband	851	820	31.6	30.9	347	343
Wife	175	159	6.5	6.0	248	222
Two or more earners	1,596	1,596	59.4	60.2	674	726
Husband and wife only	972	938	36.1	35.4	638	695
Families maintained by women	727	684	100.0	100.0	342	309
One earner	512	463	70.5	67.7	261	233
Two or more earners	215	221	29.5	32.3	523	523
Families maintained by men	297	318	100.0	100.0	472	446
One earner	149	167	50.3	52.6	357	320
Two or more earners	147	151	49.7	47.4	564	552

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

[2] Data not shown where base is less than 100,000.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 7. Families with unemployed members and wage and salary earners by type of family and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	IV 1989	IV 1990	IV 1989	IV 1990	IV 1989	IV 1990
Families with unemployment and wage and salary earners[1]	3,001	3,294	—	—	$418	$428
Married-couple families	2,363	2,498	100.0	100.0	473	489
Husband unemployed	747	858	31.6	34.4	279	315
Wife only earner	558	652	23.6	26.1	245	289
Wife and other earner(s)	120	132	5.1	5.3	544	501
Other earners only	69	74	2.9	3.0	([2])	([2])
Wife unemployed	840	846	35.5	33.9	473	504
Husband only earner	720	677	30.5	27.1	430	433
Husband and other earner(s)	111	152	4.7	6.1	745	868
Other earners only	8	16	.3	.7	([2])	([2])
Other members unemployed	776	794	32.9	31.8	727	710
Husband or wife earners	286	306	12.1	12.3	518	526
Both husband and wife earners	451	441	19.1	17.7	872	841
Other combinations of earners	39	47	1.6	1.9	([2])	([2])
Families maintained by women[1]	521	644	100.0	100.0	308	311
Householder unemployed	93	108	17.8	16.7	([2])	195
Other member(s) unemployed	429	536	82.2	83.3	335	337
Families maintained by men[1]	117	152	100.0	100.0	395	374
Householder unemployed	33	50	28.4	33.1	([2])	([2])
Other member(s) unemployed	84	102	71.6	66.9	([2])	400

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

[2] Data not shown where base is less than 100,000.

Table 8. Families by employment status of members and type of family, annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	1989	1990	1989	1990
Married-couple families	51,237	51,365	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	7,794	7,803	15.2	15.2
With at least one member in the labor force	43,443	43,562	84.8	84.8
No member employed	582	600	1.1	1.2
Some member employed	42,861	42,962	83.7	83.6
Husband only	11,135	10,895	21.7	21.2
Wife only	2,383	2,580	4.7	5.0
Husband and wife	25,618	25,732	50.0	50.1
Husband and wife only	20,559	20,818	40.1	40.5
Other combinations	3,725	3,754	7.3	7.3
Families maintained by women	10,997	11,154	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	2,639	2,734	24.0	24.5
With at least one member in the labor force	8,357	8,420	76.0	75.5
No member employed	671	688	6.1	6.2
Some member employed	7,686	7,732	69.9	69.3
Householder employed	6,338	6,357	57.6	57.0
Householder only	3,999	4,069	36.4	36.5
Householder and other(s)	2,340	2,287	21.3	20.5
Other combinations	1,348	1,375	12.3	12.3
Families maintained by men	2,878	2,961	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	323	319	11.2	10.8
With at least one member in the labor force	2,555	2,642	88.8	89.2
No member employed	113	121	3.9	4.1
Some member employed	2,442	2,522	84.9	85.2
Householder employed	2,113	2,194	73.4	74.1
Householder only	1,107	1,227	38.5	41.4
Householder and other(s)	1,006	967	35.0	32.7
Other combinations	329	328	11.4	11.1

Table 9. Families with children under 18 years old by the employment status of parent(s) and type of family, annual averages

(In thousands)

Characteristic	1989			1990		
	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old
Total families	31,712	16,946	14,766	31,856	16,951	14,905
Married-couple families	24,023	12,326	11,697	23,928	12,255	11,672
With employed parent(s)	23,145	11,867	11,278	23,072	11,816	11,255
Neither unemployed	22,197	11,386	10,811	22,037	11,294	10,743
Father employed	7,316	2,885	4,431	7,140	2,826	4,314
Mother employed	458	317	141	535	358	177
Both employed	14,423	8,184	6,239	14,362	8,110	6,252
One unemployed	949	482	467	1,034	522	511
Father unemployed	380	215	165	449	236	212
Mother unemployed	569	267	302	585	286	299
With no employed parent	877	458	419	856	439	417
Father unemployed	256	97	160	259	89	170
Mother unemployed	30	17	13	31	18	13
Both unemployed	62	29	33	73	38	35
Neither in labor force	529	315	213	493	294	199
Families maintained by women	6,542	3,907	2,636	6,711	3,970	2,741
Mother employed	4,089	2,806	1,283	4,134	2,827	1,307
Mother not employed	2,454	1,101	1,353	2,578	1,143	1,434
Unemployed	463	232	231	475	242	232
Not in labor force	1,991	869	1,122	2,103	901	1,202
Families maintained by men	1,146	713	433	1,217	725	492
Father employed	974	610	364	1,048	626	422
Father not employed	172	103	69	169	99	70
Unemployed	58	30	28	66	35	31
Not in labor force	114	73	41	103	64	39
Total families with unemployed parents	1,818	887	932	1,938	944	992

Table 10. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990
TOTAL						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	43,525	43,759	100.0	100.0	$624	$653
One earner	18,284	18,500	42.0	42.3	376	391
Two or more earners	25,241	25,259	58.0	57.7	812	848
Married-couple families	34,125	34,219	100.0	100.0	701	732
One earner	12,139	12,166	35.6	35.6	430	455
Husband	9,175	8,994	26.9	26.3	502	520
Wife	2,236	2,407	6.6	7.0	251	267
Other family member	727	764	2.1	2.2	253	280
Two or more earners	21,987	22,053	64.4	64.4	845	880
Husband and wife only	15,761	15,934	46.2	46.6	808	844
Husband, wife, and other family member(s)	3,727	3,665	10.9	10.7	1,105	1,144
Husband and other family member(s)	1,811	1,751	5.3	5.1	801	825
Wife and other family member(s)	519	527	1.5	1.5	521	557
Other family members only	169	176	.5	.5	558	554
Families maintained by women	7,295	7,323	100.0	100.0	347	383
One earner	4,929	4,983	67.6	68.0	273	288
Householder	3,898	3,937	53.4	53.8	282	296
Other family member	1,031	1,045	14.1	14.3	234	254
Two or more earners	2,366	2,340	32.4	32.0	566	607
Families maintained by men	2,104	2,218	100.0	100.0	506	514
One earner	1,216	1,352	57.8	61.0	382	398
Householder	971	1,103	46.1	49.7	414	421
Other family member	245	249	11.6	11.2	266	285
Two or more earners	888	866	42.2	39.0	718	778
White						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	36,981	37,239	100.0	100.0	651	681
One earner	15,133	15,309	40.9	41.1	397	414
Two or more earners	21,848	21,930	59.1	58.9	827	885
Married-couple families	30,233	30,361	100.0	100.0	712	745
One earner	10,815	10,856	35.8	35.8	449	473
Husband	8,310	8,162	27.5	26.9	511	535
Wife	1,879	2,044	6.2	6.7	254	270
Two or more earners	19,418	19,505	64.2	64.2	854	892
Husband and wife only	13,944	14,148	46.1	46.6	817	855
Families maintained by women	5,114	5,127	100.0	100.0	363	382
One earner	3,377	3,419	66.0	66.7	285	299
Two or more earners	1,737	1,709	34.0	33.3	577	615
Families maintained by men	1,634	1,751	100.0	100.0	522	539
One earner	940	1,035	57.5	59.1	399	413
Two or more earners	694	716	42.5	40.9	741	790
Black						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	5,133	5,082	100.0	100.0	447	459
One earner	2,575	2,594	50.2	51.0	268	281
Two or more earners	2,558	2,488	49.8	49.0	680	704
Married-couple families	2,782	2,724	100.0	100.0	579	601
One earner	929	893	33.4	32.8	299	304
Husband	576	527	20.7	19.3	380	345
Wife	282	290	10.1	10.7	230	243
Two or more earners	1,853	1,831	66.6	67.2	730	748
Husband and wife only	1,348	1,297	48.4	47.6	706	713
Families maintained by women	1,984	1,986	100.0	100.0	303	314
One earner	1,419	1,438	71.5	72.4	240	261
Two or more earners	565	548	28.5	27.6	525	570
Families maintained by men	367	372	100.0	100.0	430	397
One earner	227	263	61.8	70.7	309	331
Two or more earners	140	109	38.2	29.3	615	669

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 10. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, annual averages —Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990
Hispanic origin						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	3,542	3,624	100.0	100.0	$480	$496
One earner	1,591	1,648	44.9	45.5	291	301
Two or more earners	1,950	1,976	55.1	54.5	648	690
Married-couple families	2,619	2,599	100.0	100.0	520	555
One earner	1,044	1,050	39.9	40.4	310	322
Husband	858	814	32.8	31.3	332	356
Wife	126	164	4.8	6.3	220	236
Two or more earners	1,574	1,549	60.1	59.6	667	716
Husband and wife only	977	924	37.3	35.5	630	672
Families maintained by women	633	691	100.0	100.0	337	326
One earner	409	447	64.6	64.7	236	247
Two or more earners	224	244	35.4	35.3	547	566
Families maintained by men	291	334	100.0	100.0	467	468
One earner	138	151	47.6	45.3	285	299
Two or more earners	152	183	52.4	54.7	601	614

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

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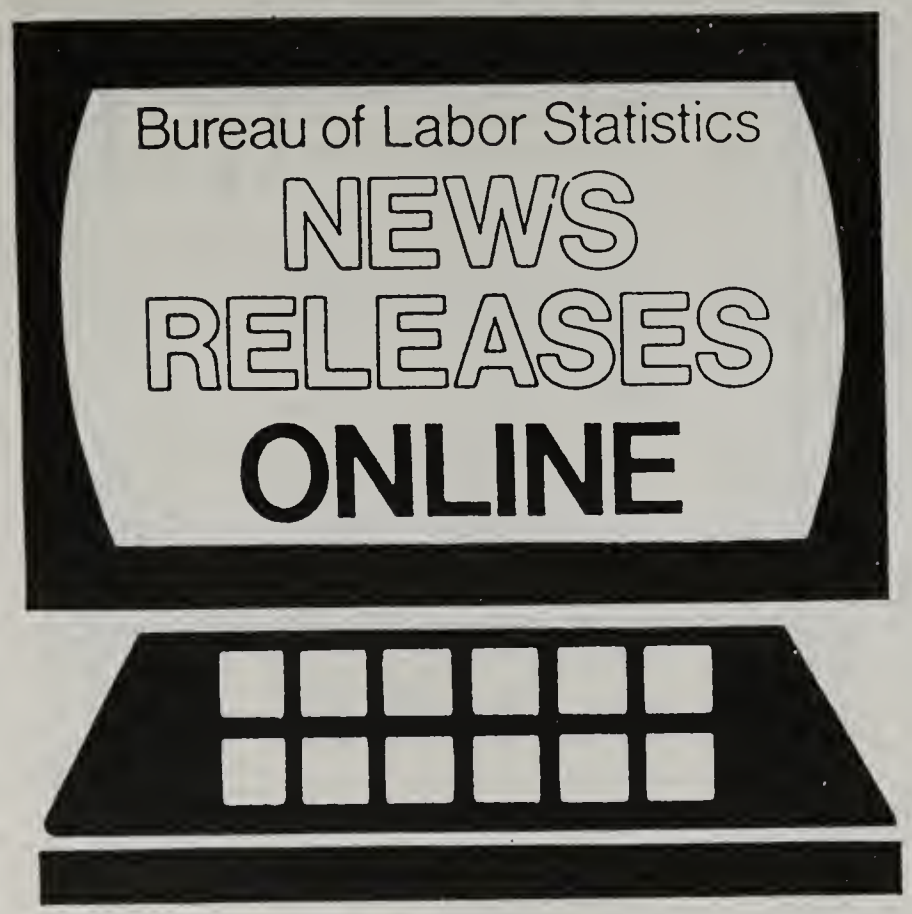

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EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES: THIRD QUARTER 1990

The number of families with a jobless member rose slightly in the third quarter of 1990, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. At 5.0 million, the number of these families was 220,000 higher than a year earlier.

The median weekly earnings of families with one or more wage and salary workers advanced to $659 a week, up 4.1 percent from the third quarter of 1989. This increase was less than the 5.5-percent increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers. Other third-quarter 1990 highlights were:

---Families with at least one member employed increased in the third quarter to about 54.8 million, 270,000 more than a year ago. About 90 percent of these families had at least one person working full time. Black families were less likely than white or Hispanic families to have a member employed full time--67 percent, compared with close to 80 percent for the latter two groups. (See tables A and 1.)

---Married-couple families with both spouses employed (but no other working family member) continued to increase, rising 290,000 over the year to 20.3 million. This group comprised about two-fifths of all married-couple families. The number of families in which the husband was the only worker declined by 260,000 and accounted for only 22 percent of all married couples. (See table 2.)

---Where there was a jobless family member, married-couple families were much more likely to have another member employed than were other family groups. In the third quarter, 83 percent of married-couple families affected by unemployment had an employed member, compared with only 48 percent of similarly affected families maintained by women. (See tables A and 3.)

---Nearly 11 million families had no member in the labor force. Three-fifths of these families were composed of persons of retirement age. (See tables A and 1.)

---Median weekly earnings of married-couple families with wage and salary workers rose 4.5 percent over the year to $742; nearly two-thirds of these families had two or more earners, and the median family earnings of the latter group were $894 a week. Median earnings of families maintained by women ($371) were half those of married-couple families. (See table 6.)

---Median earnings of white families ($690) continued to exceed those for Hispanic families ($509) and black families ($454). These differences are explained both by the higher earnings of white workers and by the smaller proportion of multi-earner families among blacks and Hispanics. (See table 6.)

Table A. Summary labor force characteristics of families, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	III 1989	III 1990	Change
Total families	65,117	65,536	419
With employed member(s)	54,482	54,755	273
Percent of total families	83.7	83.5	-.2
With member(s) employed full time	50,002	50,110	108
Percent of total families	76.8	76.5	-.3
With unemployed member(s)	4,783	5,004	221
Percent with employed member(s)	72.9	72.3	-.6
Percent of total families	7.3	7.6	.3
With unemployed member(s), none employed	1,296	1,384	88
Percent of total families	2.0	2.1	.1
With no members in labor force	10,635	10,781	146
Percent with no members under 60 years old	62.6	61.2	-1.4
Percent of total families	16.3	16.4	.1
With children under 18 years old	31,660	32,002	342
Percent with employed parent(s)	89.3	88.7	-.6
Percent with employed mother	60.2	60.2	.0
Percent of total families	48.6	48.8	.2
With children under 6 year old	14,952	15,009	57
Percent with employed parent(s)	88.2	87.1	-1.1
Percent with employed mother	52.6	52.4	-.2
Percent of total families	23.0	22.9	-.1

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Explanatory Note

The estimates in this release were obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), which provides basic information on the labor force, employment, and unemployment. The survey is conducted monthly for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by the Bureau of the Census from a scientifically selected national sample of about 60,000 households, with coverage in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The earnings data are collected from one-quarter of the CPS monthly sample and are limited to wages and salaries. The data, therefore, exclude self-employed income.

Reliability

In any sample survey, variations in the data can occur by chance because a sample, rather than the whole of the population, is surveyed. The standard error is a measure of such potential variation. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the survey differs from a figure that would be obtained from a complete census by less than one standard error. The chances are about 90 out of 100 that such a difference would be less than 1.6 standard errors. All statements of comparisons in the text of this release are significant at 1.6 or more standard errors.

Standard errors for numbers and proportions of families can be approximated using tables found in the Household Data section of the Explanatory Notes in *Employment and Earnings*. Representative standard errors for median family earnings are available from BLS upon request.

Definitions

The principal definitions used in this release are described briefly below.

Family. A family is a group of two or more persons residing together who are related by blood, marriage, or adoption. The count of families is for "primary" families only, that is, the householder and all other persons related to and residing with the householder. Not included are unrelated subfamilies. Families are classified either as married-couple families or families maintained by women or men without spouses.

Householder. A householder is the person in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented.

Children. Children are defined as "own" children, that is never-married sons, daughters, stepchildren, and adopted children. Excluded are other related children, such as nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and cousins, and unrelated children.

Employed. Employed persons are all civilians who during the survey week: (a) Did any work at all as paid employees; (b) worked in their own business or profession or on their own farms; or (c) worked 15 hours or more as an unpaid worker in a family- operated enterprise. Also included are those who were temporarily absent from their jobs because of illness, vacation, bad weather, labor-management disputes, or personal reasons.

Full-time workers. Persons who usually work 35 hours or more per week on their sole or principal job. Persons who work less than 35 hours are part-time workers.

Unemployed. The unemployed are persons who had no employment during the survey week, were available for work at that time, and made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the prior 4 weeks. Persons laid off from their former jobs and awaiting recall and those expecting to report to a job within 30 days need not be looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

Civilian labor force. The civilian labor force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed.

Wage and salary workers. Workers who receive wages, salaries, commissions, tips, payment in kind, or piece rates. Persons who report themselves as self-employed, including those whose businesses are incorporated, are excluded from coverage in these earnings data.

Usual weekly earnings. Data on usual weekly earnings are provided from responses to the questions, "How much does...USUALLY earn per week at this job before deductions? Include any overtime pay, commissions, or tips usually received." The response is for the worker's sole or principal job, and the term "usual" is as perceived by the respondent. If the respondent asks for a definition of "usual," interviewers are instructed to define the term as more than half the weeks worked during the past 4 or 5 months.

Median weekly earnings. The median of weekly earnings is the value at which 50 percent of the earnings distribution lies above and 50 percent lies below. The estimating procedure places each reported earnings value into intervals which are centered around multiples of $50. The actual value is calculated through linear interpolation of the interval in which the median lies.

Over-the-year changes in the medians for component groups may not necessarily be consistent with the changes estimated for the overall median and therefore are not presented in this release. Circumstances under which this can occur include: (1) Even though medians of component groups may rise, if the lower-earnings group accounts for a sufficiently increased share of the total, the overall median can rise less than for any of the groups; and (2) survey observations tend to be clustered at rounded values, such as $250, $300, and $400, and an estimated median lying in a $50-wide centered interval containing such a cluster changes more slowly than one in non-clustered intervals. For example, if the medians for component groups are not in a cluster but the overall group median is, then the increase in the overall median will be less than for the components.

Table 1. Families by employment status of members, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	III 1989	III 1990	III 1989	III 1990
TOTAL				
Total families	65,117	65,536	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	10,635	10,781	16.3	16.5
With at least one member in the labor force	54,482	54,755	83.7	83.5
No member employed	1,296	1,384	2.0	2.1
Some member employed	53,186	53,371	81.7	81.4
No one unemployed	49,699	49,751	76.3	75.9
One or more employed full time	46,828	46,825	71.9	71.4
Some member unemployed	3,487	3,620	5.4	5.5
One or more employed full time	3,174	3,285	4.9	5.0
White				
Total families	55,858	56,035	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	9,059	8,939	16.2	16.0
With at least one member in the labor force	46,799	47,095	83.8	84.0
No member employed	848	895	1.5	1.6
Some member employed	45,952	46,201	82.3	82.5
No one unemployed	43,240	43,371	77.4	77.4
One or more employed full time	40,891	40,940	73.2	73.1
Some member unemployed	2,712	2,830	4.9	5.1
One or more employed full time	2,489	2,574	4.5	4.6
Black				
Total families	7,275	7,442	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	1,338	1,555	18.4	20.9
With at least one member in the labor force	5,936	5,887	81.6	79.1
No member employed	406	439	5.6	5.9
Some member employed	5,531	5,448	76.0	73.2
No one unemployed	4,866	4,807	66.9	64.6
One or more employed full time	4,444	4,406	61.1	59.2
Some member unemployed	665	641	9.1	8.6
One or more employed full time	585	576	8.0	7.7
Hispanic origin				
Total families	4,877	4,936	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	645	664	13.2	13.5
With at least one member in the labor force	4,232	4,272	86.8	86.5
No member employed	166	150	3.4	3.0
Some member employed	4,065	4,122	83.4	83.5
No one unemployed	3,613	3,667	74.1	74.3
One or more employed full time	3,415	3,465	70.0	70.2
Some member unemployed	453	454	9.3	9.2
One or more employed full time	415	407	8.5	8.2

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 2. Families by employment status of members and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	III 1989	III 1990	III 1989	III 1990
Married-couple families	51,330	51,261	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	7,807	7,712	15.2	15.0
With at least one member in the labor force	43,522	43,550	84.8	85.0
No member employed	505	553	1.0	1.1
Some member employed	43,017	42,996	83.8	83.9
Husband only	11,299	11,043	22.0	21.5
Wife only	2,232	2,447	4.3	4.8
Husband and wife	25,427	25,568	49.5	49.9
Husband and wife only	20,045	20,337	39.1	39.7
Other combinations	4,060	3,939	7.9	7.7
Families maintained by women	10,884	11,244	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	2,503	2,769	23.0	24.6
With at least one member in the labor force	8,382	8,475	77.0	75.4
No member employed	699	725	6.4	6.4
Some member employed	7,683	7,750	70.6	68.9
Householder employed	6,331	6,335	58.2	56.3
Householder only	3,887	3,990	35.7	35.5
Householder and other(s)	2,444	2,345	22.5	20.9
Other combinations	1,352	1,415	12.4	12.6
Families maintained by men	2,904	3,031	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	325	300	11.2	9.9
With at least one member in the labor force	2,578	2,731	88.8	90.1
No member employed	92	106	3.2	3.5
Some member employed	2,486	2,625	85.6	86.6
Householder employed	2,164	2,313	74.5	76.3
Householder only	1,105	1,320	38.1	43.5
Householder and other(s)	1,059	993	36.5	32.8
Other combinations	322	312	11.1	10.3

Table 3. Families with unemployed members by type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	III 1989	III 1990	III 1989	III 1990
Families with unemployment	4,783	5,004	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	3,487	3,620	72.9	72.3
With no members employed	1,296	1,384	27.1	27.7
Married-couple families	3,237	3,333	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	2,732	2,780	84.4	83.4
With no members employed	505	553	15.6	16.6
With husband unemployed	1,058	1,157	32.7	34.7
Wife employed	625	697	19.3	20.9
Other(s) employed	66	64	2.0	1.9
No one employed	368	395	11.4	11.9
With wife unemployed	1,054	1,072	32.6	32.2
Husband employed	989	999	30.6	30.0
Other(s) employed	14	11	.4	.3
No one employed	51	62	1.6	1.9
With other member(s) unemployed	1,124	1,104	34.7	33.1
Families maintained by women	1,325	1,384	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	626	660	47.2	47.7
With no members employed	699	725	52.8	52.4
With householder unemployed	576	622	43.5	44.9
Other(s) employed	96	101	7.2	7.3
No one employed	480	521	36.2	37.6
With other member(s) unemployed	749	762	56.5	55.1
Families maintained by men	222	286	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	129	180	58.1	62.9
With no members employed	92	106	41.4	37.1
With householder unemployed	98	113	44.1	39.5
Other(s) employed	35	43	15.8	15.0
No one employed	63	71	28.4	24.8
With other member(s) unemployed	124	173	55.9	60.5

Table 4. Families with children under 18 years old by the employment status of parent(s) and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(In thousands)

Characteristic	III 1989			III 1990		
	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old
Total families	31,660	16,708	14,952	32,002	16,992	15,009
Married-couple families	24,049	12,168	11,881	23,927	12,206	11,721
With employed parent(s)	23,204	11,716	11,488	23,114	11,795	11,318
Neither unemployed	22,229	11,244	10,986	22,047	11,279	10,767
Father employed	7,553	2,974	4,579	7,311	2,935	4,376
Mother employed	427	303	124	523	365	157
Both employed	14,249	7,967	6,283	14,213	7,979	6,234
One unemployed	974	472	502	1,067	515	552
Father unemployed	344	180	164	398	193	205
Mother unemployed	630	292	338	669	322	347
With no employed parent	846	452	393	814	411	403
Father unemployed	229	90	139	237	73	164
Mother unemployed	22	12	10	25	11	14
Both unemployed	61	29	31	66	34	32
Neither in labor force	534	321	213	486	293	193
Families maintained by women	6,416	3,822	2,593	6,759	4,025	2,734
Mother employed	4,053	2,762	1,292	4,116	2,848	1,268
Mother not employed	2,362	1,061	1,301	2,643	1,177	1,467
Unemployed	488	241	247	524	262	262
Not in labor force	1,874	820	1,054	2,119	915	1,205
Families maintained by men	1,196	718	477	1,316	762	554
Father employed	1,021	616	405	1,167	675	492
Father not employed	174	102	72	150	87	63
Unemployed	45	18	27	62	36	26
Not in labor force	129	84	45	88	51	37
Total families with unemployed parents	1,819	862	956	1,981	931	1,050

Table 5. Employment status of persons in families by family relationship, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	III 1989					III 1990				
	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed			Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed		
			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)
TOTAL										
In families	148,874	67.7	5,314	5.3	71.4	149,172	67.5	5,520	5.5	71.1
In married-couple families	122,856	68.2	3,554	4.2	82.5	122,578	68.2	3,646	4.4	81.7
Husbands	51,330	78.4	1,058	2.6	65.2	51,261	78.2	1,157	2.9	65.9
Wives	51,330	57.2	1,146	3.9	88.5	51,261	58.1	1,171	3.9	87.8
Other family member(s)	20,196	70.3	1,350	9.5	91.0	20,056	68.6	1,318	9.6	90.2
In families maintained by women	20,212	63.4	1,514	11.8	47.6	20,713	61.9	1,562	12.2	48.1
Householder	10,884	63.5	576	8.3	16.6	11,244	61.9	622	8.9	16.2
Other family member(s)	9,328	63.4	938	15.9	66.7	9,469	61.9	940	16.0	69.2
In families maintained by men	5,806	72.3	247	5.9	57.1	5,881	72.5	313	7.3	62.6
Householder	2,904	77.9	98	4.3	36.1	3,031	80.0	113	4.7	37.7
Other family member(s)	2,902	66.6	149	7.7	71.2	2,850	64.4	200	10.9	76.6
White										
In families	127,519	68.1	3,850	4.4	74.6	127,477	68.2	4,015	4.6	74.6
In married-couple families	109,549	68.1	2,896	3.9	82.6	109,260	68.3	2,974	4.0	82.1
Husbands	46,207	78.4	868	2.4	64.0	46,152	78.2	949	2.6	66.3
Wives	46,150	56.4	969	3.7	89.2	46,157	57.6	995	3.7	89.0
Other family member(s)	17,192	71.9	1,059	8.6	91.9	16,951	70.5	1,030	8.6	90.0
In families maintained by women	13,373	65.4	779	8.9	49.2	13,583	64.7	803	9.1	50.1
Householder	7,331	64.8	312	6.6	21.5	7,473	64.2	332	6.9	20.3
Other family member(s)	6,042	66.2	467	11.7	67.7	6,110	65.2	471	11.8	70.8
In families maintained by men	4,597	74.4	176	5.1	53.4	4,634	74.4	237	6.9	64.1
Householder	2,321	80.0	80	4.3	36.4	2,394	81.6	84	4.3	38.4
Other family member(s)	2,276	68.7	96	6.1	68.1	2,240	66.7	153	10.2	78.6
Black										
In families	16,320	65.2	1,294	12.2	61.9	16,426	63.4	1,279	12.3	60.6
In married-couple families	9,158	69.5	542	8.5	82.7	9,050	68.3	499	8.1	82.2
Husbands	3,603	77.9	152	5.4	73.4	3,537	77.0	154	5.7	65.8
Wives	3,502	65.2	142	6.2	85.8	3,442	64.6	117	5.3	83.9
Other family member(s)	2,053	62.0	248	19.5	86.1	2,071	59.6	228	18.4	92.2
In families maintained by women	6,265	59.3	691	18.6	45.6	6,427	56.3	714	19.7	46.2
Householder	3,242	60.8	247	12.5	9.5	3,419	57.4	271	13.8	10.7
Other family member(s)	3,023	57.8	444	25.4	65.5	3,008	55.1	443	26.7	68.0
In families maintained by men	897	63.1	60	10.6	63.3	949	65.0	66	10.7	53.0
Householder	454	67.8	14	4.5	(1)	502	73.7	25	6.8	(1)
Other family member(s)	443	58.1	46	17.8	(1)	447	55.4	41	16.6	(1)
Hispanic origin										
In families	11,693	67.1	693	8.8	71.5	11,905	66.8	664	8.3	73.3
In married-couple families	8,924	68.9	504	8.2	79.8	8,718	68.1	424	7.1	81.6
Husbands	3,466	86.1	165	5.5	59.5	3,352	84.8	154	5.4	66.2
Wives	3,460	52.7	136	7.5	84.5	3,376	52.8	122	6.8	89.3
Other family member(s)	1,998	66.8	203	15.2	93.1	1,990	66.0	148	11.2	91.6
In families maintained by women	1,938	55.3	152	14.2	45.4	2,217	56.4	172	13.8	53.5
Householder	1,063	53.4	61	10.8	16.5	1,184	56.4	66	9.8	24.1
Other family member(s)	875	57.8	91	18.1	64.7	1,033	56.3	106	18.2	71.7
in families maintained by men	831	75.7	37	5.9	(1)	970	79.1	69	9.0	71.0
Householder	371	80.4	13	4.4	(1)	425	86.0	25	6.7	(1)
Other family member(s)	460	72.0	24	7.2	(1)	545	73.5	44	11.1	(1)

[1] Data not shown where base is less than 60,000.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	III 1989	III 1990	III 1989	III 1990	III 1989	III 1990
TOTAL						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	43,748	43,950	100.0	100.0	$633	$659
One earner	18,142	18,560	41.5	42.2	385	390
Two or more earners	25,606	25,390	58.5	57.8	821	859
Married-couple families	34,394	34,176	100.0	100.0	710	742
One earner	12,208	12,083	35.5	35.4	439	455
Husband	9,376	9,049	27.3	26.5	503	517
Wife	2,066	2,231	6.0	6.5	246	264
Other family member	766	804	2.2	2.4	264	283
Two or more earners	22,186	22,093	64.5	64.6	855	894
Husband and wife only	15,299	15,657	44.5	45.8	809	850
Husband, wife, and other family member(s)	4,078	3,878	11.9	11.3	1,133	1,193
Husband and other family member(s)	2,113	1,870	6.1	5.5	826	847
Wife and other family member(s)	497	517	1.4	1.5	533	560
Other family members only	200	171	.6	.5	556	548
Families maintained by women	7,209	7,476	100.0	100.0	360	371
One earner	4,720	5,053	65.5	67.6	274	293
Householder	3,720	3,996	51.6	53.5	279	297
Other family member	1,000	1,057	13.9	14.1	247	278
Two or more earners	2,489	2,423	34.5	32.4	583	601
Families maintained by men	2,145	2,298	100.0	100.0	521	511
One earner	1,214	1,424	56.6	62.0	397	405
Householder	957	1,189	44.6	51.7	426	435
Other family member	257	235	12.0	10.2	276	307
Two or more earners	931	874	43.4	38.0	706	763
White						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	37,159	37,266	100.0	100.0	660	690
One earner	15,052	15,257	40.5	40.9	404	413
Two or more earners	22,107	22,009	59.5	59.1	838	876
Married-couple families	30,397	30,252	100.0	100.0	722	758
One earner	10,887	10,727	35.8	35.5	457	475
Husband	8,481	8,161	27.9	27.0	511	530
Wife	1,763	1,903	5.8	6.3	242	268
Two or more earners	19,511	19,524	64.2	64.5	866	906
Husband and wife only	13,477	13,903	44.3	46.0	819	862
Families maintained by women	5,043	5,215	100.0	100.0	374	386
One earner	3,226	3,439	64.0	65.9	284	304
Two or more earners	1,817	1,776	36.0	34.1	594	615
Families maintained by men	1,719	1,800	100.0	100.0	558	535
One earner	939	1,091	54.6	60.6	414	434
Two or more earners	780	709	45.4	39.4	736	776
Black						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	5,149	5,195	100.0	100.0	462	454
One earner	2,537	2,695	49.3	51.9	272	280
Two or more earners	2,612	2,500	50.7	48.1	685	676
Married-couple families	2,838	2,771	100.0	100.0	591	586
One earner	933	944	32.9	34.1	301	296
Husband	595	586	21.0	21.2	376	325
Wife	232	260	8.2	9.4	252	234
Two or more earners	1,904	1,827	67.1	65.9	732	712
Husband and wife only	1,336	1,264	47.1	45.6	712	684
Families maintained by women	1,986	2,029	100.0	100.0	317	324
One earner	1,377	1,477	69.3	72.8	246	260
Two or more earners	609	552	30.7	27.2	520	550
Families maintained by men	325	395	100.0	100.0	414	389
One earner	227	274	69.7	69.5	295	339
Two or more earners	99	121	30.3	30.5	([2])	690

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	III 1989	III 1990	III 1989	III 1990	III 1989	III 1990
Hispanic origin						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	3,625	3,732	100.0	100.0	$510	$509
One earner	1,580	1,628	43.6	43.6	292	295
Two or more earners	2,045	2,104	56.4	56.4	666	702
Married-couple families	2,787	2,622	100.0	100.0	541	584
One earner	1,089	1,000	39.1	38.1	307	315
Husband	871	768	31.3	29.3	341	348
Wife	123	172	4.4	6.6	202	231
Two or more earners	1,698	1,622	60.9	61.9	695	732
Husband and wife only	967	953	34.7	36.4	638	693
Families maintained by women	539	725	100.0	100.0	342	332
One earner	350	466	65.0	64.3	242	255
Two or more earners	189	259	35.0	35.7	536	574
Families maintained by men	299	385	100.0	100.0	514	486
One earner	142	162	47.4	42.1	306	309
Two or more earners	157	223	52.6	57.9	588	619

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

[2] Data not shown where base is less than 100,000.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 7. Families with unemployed members and wage and salary earners by type of family and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	III 1989	III 1990	III 1989	III 1990	III 1989	III 1990
Families with unemployment and wage and salary earners[1]	3,355	3,359	—	—	$445	$467
Married-couple families	2,657	2,564	100.0	100.0	482	508
Husband unemployed	661	709	24.9	27.7	286	290
Wife only earner	475	561	17.9	21.9	258	270
Wife and other earner(s)	104	97	3.9	3.8	510	(2)
Other earners only	83	52	3.1	2.0	(2)	(2)
Wife unemployed	989	971	37.2	37.9	460	511
Husband only earner	831	816	31.3	31.8	434	467
Husband and other earner(s)	140	142	5.3	5.5	739	848
Other earners only	18	14	.7	.5	(2)	(2)
Other members unemployed	1,007	884	37.9	34.5	723	770
Husband or wife earners	366	343	13.8	13.4	491	558
Both husband and wife earners	604	514	22.7	20.0	898	989
Other combinations of earners	36	27	1.4	1.0	(2)	(2)
Families maintained by women[1]	577	626	100.0	100.0	329	330
Householder unemployed	83	96	14.4	15.3	(2)	(2)
Other member(s) unemployed	494	530	85.6	84.7	323	348
Families maintained by men[1]	121	169	100.0	100.0	391	492
Householder unemployed	27	41	22.4	24.3	(2)	(2)
Other member(s) unemployed	94	128	77.6	75.7	(2)	499

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

[2] Data not shown where base is less than 100,000.

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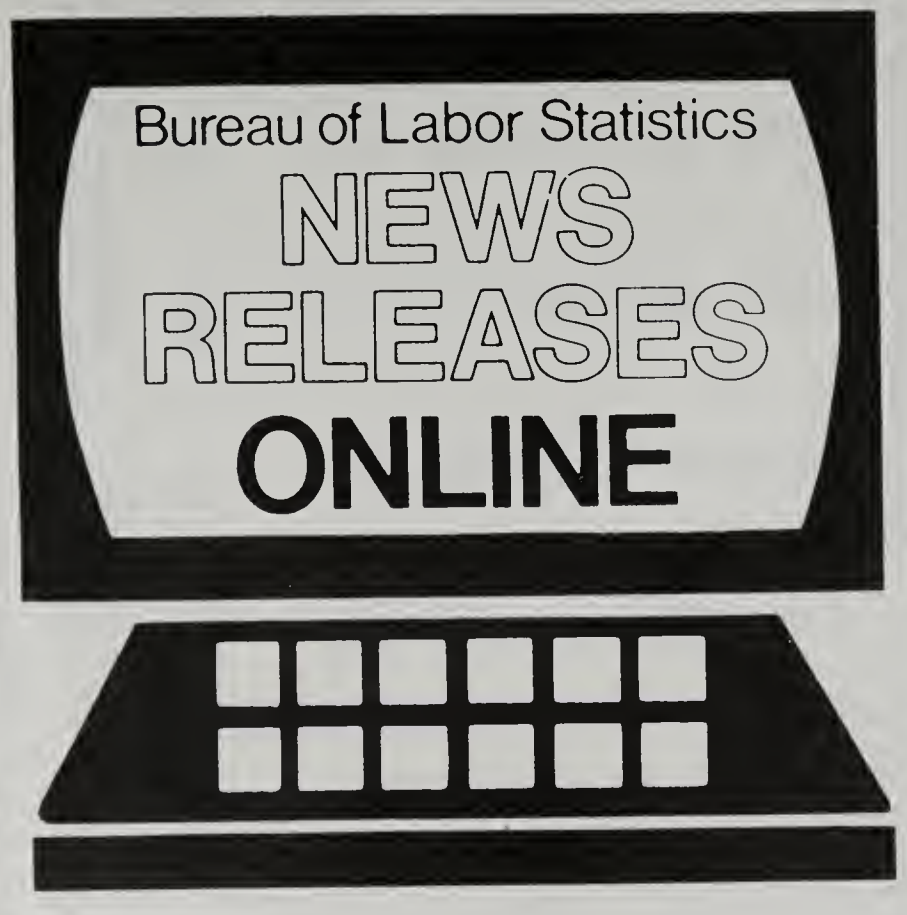

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EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES: SECOND QUARTER 1990

In the second quarter of 1990, about 50 million of the nation's 65.4 million families had at least one member employed full time, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. This was 780,000 more than a year earlier.

The median wage and salary earnings of families rose by 5 percent to reach $653 a week over the same period. The rise in family earnings was slightly higher than the 4.6 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers. Other second-quarter highlights were:

---The number of families with at least one member employed, either full or part time, increased by 180,000 to 53.2 million. Such families comprised about four-fifths of all U.S. families. Black families continue to be less likely to have an employed member than either white or Hispanic families. (See tables A and 1.)

---There was a substantial rise in the number of married-couple families in which both the husband and wife (but no other family member) worked. At 20.9 million in the second quarter, the number of such families was 625,000 greater than a year earlier. At the same time, there was a large drop in the number of families where the husband was the only worker. (See table 2.)

---About 7 percent of all families had an unemployed member. At 4.8 million, the number of these families was slightly below the year-earlier level. While about 70 percent of these families still had one or more employed members, this varied considerably by family type. For example, among married-couple families with unemployed members, 83 percent still had at least one working member. In contrast, among the families with unemployment who are maintained by women, only 48 percent had any member with a job. (See tables A and 3.)

---There were nearly 11 million families with no member in the labor force, but many of them were composed of persons of retirement age. In three-fifths of these families, there was no one under 60 years of age. (See tables A and 1.)

---Median weekly earnings of married-couple families with wage and salary workers rose 4.2 percent over the year to $727; nearly two-thirds of these families had two or more earners, and their median family earnings

were $871 a week. Median earnings of families maintained by women ($361) remained about half those of married-couple families. This was largely because only one-third of families maintained by women had more than one earner. (See table 6.)

---Median earnings of white families ($680) continued to exceed those for Hispanic families ($495) and black families ($472). These differences are explained both by the higher earnings of white workers and the relatively fewer multi-earner families among blacks and Hispanics. (See table 6.)

Table A. Summary labor force characteristics of families, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	II 1989	II 1990	Change
Total families	64,995	65,363	368
With employed member(s)	53,027	53,206	179
Percent of total families	81.6	81.4	-.2
With member(s) employed full time	49,126	49,906	780
Percent of total families	75.6	76.4	.8
With unemployed member(s)	4,926	4,765	-161
Percent with employed member(s)	72.7	72.8	.1
Percent of total families	7.6	7.3	-.3
With unemployed member(s), none employed	1,343	1,295	-48
Percent of total families	2.1	2.0	-.1
With no members in labor force	10,625	10,862	237
Percent with no members under 60 years old	61.0	60.7	-.3
Percent of total families	16.3	16.6	.3
With children under 18 years old	31,248	31,812	564
Percent with employed parent(s)	89.0	89.0	-
Percent with employed mother	60.9	61.4	.5
Percent of total families	48.1	48.7	.6
With children under 6 year old	14,326	14,906	580
Percent with employed parent(s)	87.3	87.6	.3
Percent with employed mother	52.9	54.1	1.2
Percent of total families	22.0	22.8	.8

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Explanatory Note

The estimates in this release were obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), which provides basic information on the labor force, employment, and unemployment. The survey is conducted monthly for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by the Bureau of the Census from a scientifically selected national sample of about 60,000 households, with coverage in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The earnings data are collected from one-quarter of the CPS monthly sample and are limited to wages and salaries. The data, therefore, exclude self-employed income.

Reliability

In any sample survey, variations in the data can occur by chance because a sample, rather than the whole of the population, is surveyed. The standard error is a measure of such potential variation. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the survey differs from a figure that would be obtained from a complete census by less than one standard error. The chances are about 90 out of 100 that such a difference would be less than 1.6 standard errors. All statements of comparisons in the text of this release are significant at 1.6 or more standard errors.

Standard errors for numbers and proportions of families can be approximated using tables found in the Household Data section of the Explanatory Notes in *Employment and Earnings*. Representative standard errors for median family earnings are available from BLS upon request.

Definitions

The principal definitions used in this release are described briefly below.

Family. A family is a group of two or more persons residing together who are related by blood, marriage, or adoption. The count of families is for "primary" families only, that is, the householder and all other persons related to and residing with the householder. Not included are unrelated subfamilies. Families are classified either as married-couple families or families maintained by women or men without spouses.

Householder. A householder is the person in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented.

Children. Children are defined as "own" children, that is never-married sons, daughters, stepchildren, and adopted children. Excluded are other related children, such as nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and cousins, and unrelated children.

Employed. Employed persons are all civilians who during the survey week: (a) Did any work at all as paid employees; (b) worked in their own business or profession or on their own farms; or (c) worked 15 hours or more as an unpaid worker in a family- operated enterprise. Also included are those who were temporarily absent from their jobs because of illness, vacation, bad weather, labor-management disputes, or personal reasons.

Full-time workers. Persons who usually work 35 hours or more per week on their sole or principal job. Persons who work less than 35 hours are part-time workers.

Unemployed. The unemployed are persons who had no employment during the survey week, were available for work at that time, and made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the prior 4 weeks. Persons laid off from their former jobs and awaiting recall and those expecting to report to a job within 30 days need not be looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

Civilian labor force. The civilian labor force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed.

Wage and salary workers. Workers who receive wages, salaries, commissions, tips, payment in kind, or piece rates. Persons who report themselves as self-employed, including those whose businesses are incorporated, are excluded from coverage in these earnings data.

Usual weekly earnings. Data on usual weekly earnings are provided from responses to the questions, "How much does...USUALLY earn per week at this job before deductions? Include any overtime pay, commissions, or tips usually received." The response is for the worker's sole or principal job, and the term "usual" is as perceived by the respondent. If the respondent asks for a definition of "usual," interviewers are instructed to define the term as more than half the weeks worked during the past 4 or 5 months.

Median weekly earnings. The median of weekly earnings is the value at which 50 percent of the earnings distribution lies above and 50 percent lies below. The estimating procedure places each reported earnings value into intervals which are centered around multiples of $50. The actual value is calculated through linear interpolation of the interval in which the median lies.

Over-the-year changes in the medians for component groups may not necessarily be consistent with the changes estimated for the overall median and therefore are not presented in this release. Circumstances under which this can occur include: (1) Even though medians of component groups may rise, if the lower-earnings group accounts for a sufficiently increased share of the total, the overall median can rise less than for any of the groups; and (2) survey observations tend to be clustered at rounded values, such as $250, $300, and $400, and an estimated median lying in a $50-wide centered interval containing such a cluster changes more slowly than one in non-clustered intervals. For example, if the medians for component groups are not in a cluster but the overall group median is, then the increase in the overall median will be less than for the components.

Table 1. Families by employment status of members, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	II 1989	II 1990	II 1989	II 1990
TOTAL				
Total families	64,995	65,363	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	10,625	10,862	16.3	16.6
With at least one member in the labor force	54,370	54,501	83.7	83.4
No member employed	1,343	1,295	2.1	2.0
Some member employed	53,027	53,206	81.6	81.4
No one unemployed	49,445	49,736	76.1	76.1
One or more employed full time	45,964	46,781	70.7	71.6
Some member unemployed	3,582	3,470	5.5	5.3
One or more employed full time	3,162	3,125	4.9	4.8
White				
Total families	55,725	55,939	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	8,944	9,043	16.1	16.2
With at least one member in the labor force	46,781	46,896	83.9	83.8
No member employed	866	841	1.6	1.5
Some member employed	45,915	46,055	82.4	82.3
No one unemployed	43,143	43,326	77.4	77.5
One or more employed full time	40,208	40,836	72.2	73.0
Some member unemployed	2,772	2,729	5.0	4.9
One or more employed full time	2,483	2,447	4.5	4.4
Black				
Total families	7,291	7,396	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	1,429	1,554	19.6	21.0
With at least one member in the labor force	5,862	5,843	80.4	79.0
No member employed	436	415	6.0	5.6
Some member employed	5,426	5,427	74.4	73.4
No one unemployed	4,735	4,821	64.9	65.2
One or more employed full time	4,280	4,452	58.7	60.2
Some member unemployed	691	606	9.5	8.2
One or more employed full time	578	557	7.9	7.5
Hispanic origin				
Total families	4,717	4,836	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	621	685	13.2	14.2
With at least one member in the labor force	4,096	4,150	86.8	85.8
No member employed	175	158	3.7	3.3
Some member employed	3,921	3,993	83.1	82.6
No one unemployed	3,518	3,587	74.6	74.2
One or more employed full time	3,231	3,402	68.5	70.3
Some member unemployed	403	406	8.5	8.4
One or more employed full time	370	357	7.8	7.4

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 2. Families by employment status of members and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	II 1989	II 1990	II 1989	II 1990
Married-couple families	51,305	51,288	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	7,684	7,809	15.0	15.2
With at least one member in the labor force	43,620	43,478	85.0	84.8
No member employed	583	556	1.1	1.1
Some member employed	43,037	42,922	83.9	83.7
Husband only	11,116	10,722	21.7	20.9
Wife only	2,314	2,525	4.5	4.9
Husband and wife	25,770	25,941	50.2	50.6
Husband and wife only	20,272	20,896	39.5	40.7
Other combinations	3,837	3,734	7.5	7.3
Families maintained by women	10,801	11,051	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	2,609	2,727	24.2	24.7
With at least one member in the labor force	8,193	8,324	75.9	75.3
No member employed	644	638	6.0	5.8
Some member employed	7,549	7,687	69.9	69.6
Householder employed	6,221	6,361	57.6	57.6
Householder only	3,851	4,080	35.7	36.9
Householder and other(s)	2,370	2,280	21.9	20.6
Other combinations	1,328	1,326	12.3	12.0
Families maintained by men	2,889	3,024	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	332	325	11.5	10.7
With at least one member in the labor force	2,557	2,698	88.5	89.2
No member employed	116	102	4.0	3.4
Some member employed	2,441	2,597	84.5	85.9
Householder employed	2,103	2,255	72.8	74.6
Householder only	1,079	1,241	37.3	41.0
Householder and other(s)	1,024	1,014	35.4	33.5
Other combinations	338	341	11.7	11.3

Table 3. Families with unemployed members by type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	II 1989	II 1990	II 1989	II 1990
Families with unemployment	4,926	4,765	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	3,582	3,470	72.7	72.8
With no members employed	1,343	1,295	27.3	27.2
Married-couple families	3,374	3,243	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	2,791	2,687	82.7	82.9
With no members employed	583	556	17.3	17.1
With husband unemployed	1,088	1,195	32.2	36.8
Wife employed	626	733	18.6	22.6
Other(s) employed	58	64	1.7	2.0
No one employed	404	399	12.0	12.3
With wife unemployed	919	844	27.2	26.0
Husband employed	814	775	24.1	23.9
Other(s) employed	25	7	.7	.2
No one employed	80	63	2.4	1.9
With other member(s) unemployed	1,367	1,203	40.5	37.1
Families maintained by women	1,278	1,229	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	634	591	49.6	48.1
With no members employed	644	638	50.4	51.9
With householder unemployed	534	514	41.8	41.8
Other(s) employed	95	73	7.4	5.9
No one employed	439	440	34.4	35.8
With other member(s) unemployed	744	715	58.2	58.2
Families maintained by men	274	294	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	158	192	57.7	65.3
With no members employed	116	102	42.3	34.7
With householder unemployed	114	115	41.6	39.1
Other(s) employed	29	57	10.6	19.4
No one employed	85	58	31.0	19.7
With other member(s) unemployed	160	179	58.4	60.9

Table 4. Families with children under 18 years old by the employment status of parent(s) and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(In thousands)

Characteristic	II 1989			II 1990		
	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old
Total families	31,248	16,922	14,326	31,812	16,905	14,906
Married-couple families	23,752	12,399	11,353	23,893	12,201	11,692
With employed parent(s)	22,866	11,929	10,939	23,072	11,768	11,304
Neither unemployed	22,035	11,513	10,522	22,153	11,303	10,851
Father employed	7,321	3,002	4,319	7,194	2,885	4,309
Mother employed	470	330	141	536	360	176
Both employed	14,244	8,181	6,062	14,423	8,058	6,366
One unemployed	832	416	416	919	466	453
Father unemployed	329	180	149	427	224	203
Mother unemployed	503	236	267	492	242	250
With no employed parent	885	470	415	821	432	388
Father unemployed	258	100	158	231	76	154
Mother unemployed	41	20	21	25	17	8
Both unemployed	49	22	27	64	34	30
Neither in labor force	537	328	209	501	305	196
Families maintained by women	6,378	3,813	2,565	6,702	3,977	2,725
Mother employed	3,981	2,755	1,226	4,156	2,836	1,321
Mother not employed	2,398	1,058	1,340	2,545	1,141	1,404
Unemployed	441	228	213	440	230	210
Not in labor force	1,957	830	1,127	2,105	911	1,194
Families maintained by men	1,119	711	408	1,217	728	489
Father employed	952	614	338	1,070	637	433
Father not employed	166	97	70	147	91	56
Unemployed	59	27	33	46	23	23
Not in labor force	107	70	37	101	68	33
Total families with unemployed parents	1,680	813	868	1,725	846	878

Table 5. Employment status of persons in families by family relationship, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	II 1989					II 1990				
	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed			Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed		
			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)
TOTAL										
In families	149,034	67.1	5,267	5.3	70.3	149,165	67.0	5,257	5.3	71.4
In married-couple families	123,309	67.7	3,582	4.3	80.5	122,870	67.7	3,554	4.3	81.1
Husbands	51,305	78.8	1,088	2.7	62.8	51,286	78.1	1,195	3.0	66.8
Wives	51,305	57.8	998	3.4	84.8	51,288	58.5	942	3.1	84.2
Other family member(s)	20,699	85.4	1,498	11.0	90.3	20,294	64.9	1,417	10.8	91.3
In families maintained by women	19,888	62.0	1,396	11.3	48.3	20,252	81.6	1,379	11.1	48.0
Householder	10,801	82.5	534	7.9	17.8	11,051	82.2	514	7.5	14.3
Other family member(s)	9,087	61.4	862	15.4	67.2	9,201	60.9	865	15.4	68.0
In families maintained by men	5,838	70.9	290	7.0	51.4	8,043	71.3	324	7.5	85.1
Householder	2,889	76.8	114	5.1	25.7	3,024	78.4	115	4.8	49.2
Other family member(s)	2,949	65.1	176	9.1	68.5	3,019	64.2	209	10.8	73.5
White										
In families	127,639	67.6	3,780	4.4	73.7	127,545	87.6	3,880	4.5	74.8
In married-couple families	109,814	67.7	2,879	3.9	80.2	109,406	87.8	2,929	3.9	81.2
Husbands	46,135	78.6	885	2.4	61.3	46,120	78.1	1,002	2.8	86.9
Wives	46,049	57.0	830	3.2	85.5	46,145	57.9	801	3.0	84.9
Other family member(s)	17,630	67.0	1,164	9.9	90.9	17,141	68.9	1,128	9.8	91.4
In families maintained by women	13,351	65.0	718	8.3	51.9	13,383	64.4	730	8.5	51.1
Householder	7,338	64.2	289	8.1	24.5	7,403	64.1	277	5.8	18.8
Other family member(s)	6,015	65.9	429	10.8	70.6	5,980	64.7	453	11.7	70.7
In families maintained by men	4,474	72.3	184	5.7	57.1	4,756	73.8	221	8.3	67.4
Householder	2,238	78.7	65	3.7	28.5	2,392	81.3	83	4.3	52.8
Other family member(s)	2,236	65.8	119	8.1	72.3	2,364	65.8	138	8.9	75.8
Black										
In families	16,320	63.9	1,314	12.6	60.5	16,394	63.0	1,179	11.4	59.6
In married-couple families	9,301	68.6	577	9.0	81.3	9,213	67.8	480	7.7	79.8
Husbands	3,620	77.5	156	5.8	70.0	3,591	78.6	140	5.1	64.0
Wives	3,540	85.7	128	5.5	79.0	3,498	65.7	107	4.6	78.4
Other family member(s)	2,141	58.5	293	23.4	88.1	2,124	58.4	233	19.5	90.1
In families maintained by women	5,991	56.0	653	19.5	44.3	6,187	55.8	614	17.8	44.1
Householder	3,166	59.3	233	12.4	9.6	3,307	58.6	227	11.7	8.4
Other family member(s)	2,825	52.3	420	28.5	63.6	2,880	52.8	387	25.6	85.1
In families maintained by men	1,028	67.4	83	12.0	43.4	994	82.5	85	13.7	56.5
Householder	517	69.6	41	11.4	(1)	517	85.4	24	7.1	(1)
Other family member(s)	511	65.1	42	12.6	(1)	477	59.3	61	21.6	65.8
Hispanic origin										
In families	11,520	66.8	617	8.0	67.9	11,771	66.2	610	7.8	71.7
In married-couple families	8,761	68.2	449	7.5	77.7	8,644	67.8	396	6.8	80.3
Husbands	3,316	86.2	124	4.3	48.9	3,266	84.4	157	5.7	63.0
Wives	3,452	54.6	139	7.3	86.6	3,349	55.1	105	5.7	89.2
Other family member(s)	1,993	61.6	186	15.2	90.2	2,029	62.2	134	10.6	93.3
In families maintained by women	1,915	56.9	127	11.7	40.9	2,142	55.3	155	13.1	51.0
Householder	1,036	55.2	59	10.4	(1)	1,154	54.0	58	9.3	(1)
Other family member(s)	879	59.1	68	13.1	61.9	988	56.8	97	17.3	73.1
In families maintained by men	844	75.6	40	6.3	(1)	985	76.2	58	7.7	(1)
Householder	373	82.1	20	6.7	(1)	429	83.5	24	6.8	(1)
Other family member(s)	471	70.6	20	6.1	(1)	556	70.7	34	8.6	(1)

[1] Data not shown where base is less than 60,000.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	II 1989	II 1990	II 1989	II 1990	II 1989	II 1990
TOTAL						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	43,198	43,589	100.0	100.0	$622	$653
One earner	18,161	18,212	42.0	41.8	370	391
Two or more earners	25,037	25,377	58.0	58.2	817	842
Married-couple families	34,052	34,285	100.0	100.0	698	727
One earner	12,175	12,058	35.8	35.2	419	454
Husband	9,293	8,866	27.3	25.9	492	516
Wife	2,180	2,424	6.4	7.1	244	269
Other family member	703	768	2.1	2.2	234	276
Two or more earners	21,876	22,227	64.2	64.8	850	871
Husband and wife only	15,817	16,086	46.5	46.9	817	838
Husband, wife, and other family member(s)	3,684	3,706	10.8	10.8	1,074	1,103
Husband and other family member(s)	1,736	1,762	5.1	5.1	781	815
Wife and other family member(s)	505	522	1.5	1.5	557	530
Other family members only	135	151	.4	.4	501	465
Families maintained by women	7,039	7,003	100.0	100.0	340	361
One earner	4,794	4,762	68.1	68.0	269	286
Householder	3,796	3,789	53.9	54.1	279	296
Other family member	998	973	14.2	13.9	231	237
Two or more earners	2,245	2,241	31.9	32.0	570	613
Families maintained by men	2,107	2,300	100.0	100.0	491	513
One earner	1,192	1,392	56.6	60.5	342	393
Householder	947	1,121	44.9	48.7	386	418
Other family member	245	271	11.6	11.8	251	277
Two or more earners	916	909	43.4	39.5	720	788
White						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	36,640	37,182	100.0	100.0	647	680
One earner	14,937	15,211	40.8	40.9	391	413
Two or more earners	21,703	21,971	59.2	59.1	829	860
Married-couple families	30,095	30,430	100.0	100.0	708	738
One earner	10,766	10,819	35.8	35.6	434	470
Husband	8,349	8,047	27.7	26.4	501	524
Wife	1,806	2,103	6.0	6.9	245	271
Two or more earners	19,328	19,611	64.2	64.4	857	885
Husband and wife only	13,966	14,221	46.4	46.7	825	851
Families maintained by women	4,959	4,950	100.0	100.0	363	373
One earner	3,270	3,331	65.9	67.3	283	298
Two or more earners	1,689	1,619	34.1	32.7	574	625
Families maintained by men	1,586	1,802	100.0	100.0	510	558
One earner	901	1,061	56.8	58.9	361	416
Two or more earners	685	741	43.2	41.1	752	810
Black						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	5,145	5,010	100.0	100.0	439	472
One earner	2,610	2,405	50.7	48.0	268	280
Two or more earners	2,535	2,606	49.3	52.0	711	702
Married-couple families	2,859	2,741	100.0	100.0	586	614
One earner	971	814	33.9	29.7	307	307
Husband	609	499	21.3	18.2	374	357
Wife	296	250	10.4	9.1	234	241
Two or more earners	1,888	1,927	66.1	70.3	765	750
Husband and wife only	1,395	1,393	48.8	50.8	728	712
Families maintained by women	1,858	1,868	100.0	100.0	285	318
One earner	1,383	1,311	74.4	70.2	243	261
Two or more earners	475	557	25.6	29.8	533	581
Families maintained by men	428	401	100.0	100.0	385	380
One earner	256	279	59.9	69.6	295	298
Two or more earners	172	122	40.1	30.4	558	562

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	II 1989	II 1990	II 1989	II 1990	II 1989	II 1990
Hispanic origin						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	3,331	3,525	100.0	100.0	$451	$495
One earner	1,464	1,580	44.0	44.8	276	311
Two or more earners	1,866	1,946	56.0	55.2	646	673
Married-couple families	2,447	2,526	100.0	100.0	508	544
One earner	970	1,027	39.7	40.7	294	343
Husband	826	799	33.7	31.6	314	384
Wife	105	162	4.3	6.4	209	251
Two or more earners	1,477	1,499	60.3	59.3	681	701
Husband and wife only	936	895	38.3	35.4	647	645
Families maintained by women	588	653	100.0	100.0	327	345
One earner	359	421	61.1	64.4	227	248
Two or more earners	229	232	38.9	35.6	454	534
Families maintained by men	295	346	100.0	100.0	403	464
One earner	134	132	45.5	38.1	280	283
Two or more earners	161	214	54.5	61.9	524	592

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 7. Families with unemployed members and wage and salary earners by type of family and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	II 1989	II 1990	II 1989	II 1990	II 1989	II 1990
Families with unemployment and wage and salary earners[1]	3,049	3,173	—	—	$430	$452
Married-couple families	2,405	2,487	100.0	100.0	473	497
Husband unemployed	627	778	26.1	31.3	272	318
Wife only earner	476	590	19.8	23.7	255	290
Wife and other earner(s)	89	127	3.7	5.1	(2)	545
Other earners only	62	61	2.6	2.4	(2)	(2)
Wife unemployed	792	720	32.9	28.9	419	470
Husband only earner	663	604	27.6	24.3	399	417
Husband and other earner(s)	106	110	4.4	4.4	692	770
Other earners only	24	5	1.0	.2	(2)	(2)
Other members unemployed	986	990	41.0	39.8	691	791
Husband or wife earners	342	319	14.2	12.8	526	528
Both husband and wife earners	620	623	25.8	25.1	868	952
Other combinations of earners	23	48	1.0	1.9	(2)	(2)
Families maintained by women[1]	536	507	100.0	100.0	307	292
Householder unemployed	107	64	20.0	12.6	193	(2)
Other member(s) unemployed	428	444	80.0	87.4	334	309
Families maintained by men[1]	109	178	100.0	100.0	378	407
Householder unemployed	34	46	31.7	25.9	(2)	(2)
Other member(s) unemployed	74	132	68.3	74.1	(2)	464

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

[2] Data not shown where base is less than 100,000.

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EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES: FIRST QUARTER 1990

The number of families with at least one member employed full time continues to grow, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. At 49.5 million in the first quarter of 1990, the number of such families was 1.1 million higher than a year earlier.

For all families with wage and salary workers, median weekly earnings increased by 6.4 percent over the year, reaching $644 per week in the first quarter. This rise was greater than the 5.2-percent increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers. Other highlights follow.

---Overall, 52.9 million families, representing 81 percent of the total, had at least one employed member. The number of such families grew by about 400,000 over the year, with black families continuing to be less likely to have an employed member than either white or Hispanic families. Nearly 11 million families had no member in the labor force; in three-fifths of these nonworking families, however, everyone was at least 60 years of age. (See tables A and 1.)

---About 5.1 million families had an unemployed member, the same number as a year ago. In 70 percent of these families, there was also an employed member. Among married-couple families with unemployed members, the proportion with working members was even higher--81 percent; in contrast, among families maintained by women, just 47 percent contained an employed member. (See tables A and 3.)

---There were 19.5 million employed mothers with children under 18 years of age, 340,000 more than a year earlier. Most of this increase was among mothers of preschoolers, whose number grew to nearly 8 million. (See table 4.)

---Median weekly earnings of married-couple families with wage and salary workers rose 6.6 percent over the year to $723; nearly two-thirds of these families had two or more earners, and their median family earnings were $873 a week. Median earnings of families maintained by women ($358) remained about half those of married-couple families. This was largely because only one-third of families maintained by women had more than one earner. (See table 6.)

---Median earnings of white families ($672) continued to exceed those for Hispanic families ($490) and black families ($439). These differences are explained both by the higher earnings of white workers and relatively fewer multi-earner families among blacks and Hispanics. (See table 6.)

Table A. Summary labor force characteristics of families, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	I 1989	I 1990	Change
Total families	64,899	65,279	380
With employed member(s)	52,535	52,948	413
Percent of total families	80.9	81.1	.2
With member(s) employed full time	48,372	49,459	1,087
Percent of total families	74.5	75.8	1.3
With unemployed member(s)	5,067	5,092	25
Percent with employed member(s)	70.7	71.1	.4
Percent of total families	7.8	7.8	-
With unemployed member(s), none employed	1,483	1,470	-13
Percent of total families	2.3	2.3	-
With no members in the labor force	10,881	10,861	-20
Percent with no members under 60 years old	60.3	60.7	.4
Percent of total families	16.8	16.6	-.2
With children under 18 years old	31,466	31,738	272
Percent with employed parent(s)	88.5	88.7	.2
Percent with employed mother	61.0	61.6	.6
Percent of total families	48.5	48.6	.1
With children under 6 years old	14,558	14,843	285
Percent with employed parent(s)	86.9	87.0	.1
Percent with employed mother	52.9	53.7	.8
Percent of total families	22.4	22.7	.3

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Explanatory Note

The estimates in this release were obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), which provides basic information on the labor force, employment, and unemployment. The survey is conducted monthly for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by the Bureau of the Census from a scientifically selected national sample of about 60,000 households, with coverage in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The earnings data are collected from one-quarter of the CPS monthly sample and are limited to wages and salaries. The data, therefore, exclude self-employed income.

Reliability

In any sample survey, variations in the data can occur by chance because a sample, rather than the whole of the population, is surveyed. The standard error is a measure of such potential variation. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the survey differs from a figure that would be obtained from a complete census by less than one standard error. The chances are about 90 out of 100 that such a difference would be less than 1.6 standard errors. All statements of comparisons in the text of this release are significant at 1.6 or more standard errors.

Standard errors for numbers and proportions of families can be approximated using tables found in the Household Data section of the Explanatory Notes in *Employment and Earnings*. Representative standard errors for median family earnings are available from BLS upon request.

Definitions

The principal definitions used in this release are described briefly below.

Family. A family is a group of two or more persons residing together who are related by blood, marriage, or adoption. The count of families is for "primary" families only, that is, the householder and all other persons related to and residing with the householder. Not included are unrelated subfamilies. Families are classified either as married-couple families or families maintained by women or men without spouses.

Householder. A householder is the person in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented.

Children. Children are defined as "own" children, that is never-married sons, daughters, stepchildren, and adopted children. Excluded are other related children, such as nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and cousins, and unrelated children.

Employed. Employed persons are all civilians who during the survey week: (a) Did any work at all as paid employees; (b) worked in their own business or profession or on their own farms; or (c) worked 15 hours or more as an unpaid worker in a family- operated enterprise. Also included are those who were temporarily absent from their jobs because of illness, vacation, bad weather, labor-management disputes, or personal reasons.

Full-time workers. Persons who usually work 35 hours or more per week on their sole or principal job. Persons who work less than 35 hours are part-time workers.

Unemployed. The unemployed are persons who had no employment during the survey week, were available for work at that time, and made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the prior 4 weeks. Persons laid off from their former jobs and awaiting recall and those expecting to report to a job within 30 days need not be looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

Civilian labor force. The civilian labor force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed.

Wage and salary workers. Workers who receive wages, salaries, commissions, tips, payment in kind, or piece rates. Persons who report themselves as self-employed, including those whose businesses are incorporated, are excluded from coverage in these earnings data.

Usual weekly earnings. Data on usual weekly earnings are provided from responses to the questions, "How much does...USUALLY earn per week at this job before deductions? Include any overtime pay, commissions, or tips usually received." The response is for the worker's sole or principal job, and the term "usual" is as perceived by the respondent. If the respondent asks for a definition of "usual," interviewers are instructed to define the term as more than half the weeks worked during the past 4 or 5 months.

Median weekly earnings. The median of weekly earnings is the value at which 50 percent of the earnings distribution lies above and 50 percent lies below. The estimating procedure places each reported earnings value into intervals which are centered around multiples of $50. The actual value is calculated through linear interpolation of the interval in which the median lies.

Over-the-year changes in the medians for component groups may not necessarily be consistent with the changes estimated for the overall median and therefore are not presented in this release. Circumstances under which this can occur include: (1) Even though medians of component groups may rise, if the lower-earnings group accounts for a sufficiently increased share of the total, the overall median can rise less than for any of the groups; and (2) survey observations tend to be clustered at rounded values, such as $250, $300, and $400, and an estimated median lying in a $50-wide centered interval containing such a cluster changes more slowly than one in non-clustered intervals. For example, if the medians for component groups are not in a cluster but the overall group median is, then the increase in the overall median will be less than for the components.

Table 1. Families by employment status of members, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	1989	1990	1989	1990
TOTAL				
Total families	64,899	65,279	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	10,881	10,861	16.8	16.6
With at least one member in the labor force	54,018	54,418	83.2	83.4
No member employed	1,483	1,470	2.3	2.3
Some member employed	52,535	52,948	80.9	81.1
No one unemployed	48,951	49,326	75.4	75.6
One or more employed full time	45,259	46,224	69.7	70.8
Some member unemployed	3,584	3,622	5.5	5.5
One or more employed full time	3,113	3,235	4.8	5.0
White				
Total families	55,693	55,889	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	9,170	9,096	16.5	16.3
With at least one member in the labor force	46,523	46,793	83.5	83.7
No member employed	966	1,004	1.7	1.8
Some member employed	45,557	45,789	81.8	81.9
No one unemployed	42,717	42,908	76.7	76.8
One or more employed full time	39,623	40,315	71.1	72.1
Some member unemployed	2,840	2,881	5.1	5.2
One or more employed full time	2,479	2,577	4.5	4.6
Black				
Total families	7,289	7,366	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	1,442	1,504	19.8	20.4
With at least one member in the labor force	5,846	5,862	80.2	79.6
No member employed	471	425	6.5	5.8
Some member employed	5,376	5,437	73.8	73.8
No one unemployed	4,750	4,824	65.2	65.5
One or more employed full time	4,240	4,408	58.2	59.8
Some member unemployed	626	613	8.6	8.3
One or more employed full time	532	544	7.3	7.4
Hispanic origin				
Total families	4,718	4,839	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	703	706	14.9	14.6
With at least one member in the labor force	4,015	4,133	85.1	85.4
No member employed	147	173	3.1	3.6
Some member employed	3,868	3,960	82.0	81.8
No one unemployed	3,501	3,583	74.2	74.0
One or more employed full time	3,234	3,374	68.5	69.7
Some member unemployed	367	377	7.8	7.8
One or more employed full time	315	340	6.7	7.0

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 2. Families by employment status of members and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	1989	1990	1989	1990
Married-couple families	51,023	51,413	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	7,834	7,886	15.4	15.3
With at least one member in the labor force	43,190	43,526	84.6	84.7
No member employed	664	677	1.3	1.3
Some member employed	42,526	42,849	83.3	83.3
Husband only	11,105	10,956	21.8	21.3
Wife only	2,572	2,651	5.0	5.2
Husband and wife	25,225	25,550	49.4	49.7
Husband and wife only	20,206	20,857	39.6	40.6
Other combinations	3,624	3,692	7.1	7.2
Families maintained by women	10,992	10,984	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	2,709	2,648	24.6	24.1
With at least one member in the labor force	8,283	8,336	75.4	75.9
No member employed	671	656	6.1	6.0
Some member employed	7,612	7,680	69.3	69.9
Householder employed	6,283	6,313	57.2	57.5
Householder only	3,993	4,107	36.3	37.4
Householder and other(s)	2,290	2,207	20.8	20.1
Other combinations	1,329	1,367	12.1	12.4
Families maintained by men	2,883	2,883	100.0	100.0
With no members in the labor force	338	327	11.7	11.3
With at least one member in the labor force	2,545	2,556	88.3	88.7
No member employed	149	137	5.2	4.8
Some member employed	2,397	2,419	83.1	83.9
Householder employed	2,059	2,078	71.4	72.1
Householder only	1,076	1,153	37.3	40.0
Householder and other(s)	983	925	34.1	32.1
Other combinations	338	340	11.7	11.8

Table 3. Families with unemployed members by type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution	
	1989	1990	1989	1990
Families with unemployment	5,067	5,092	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	3,584	3,622	70.7	71.1
With no members employed	1,483	1,470	29.3	28.9
Married-couple families	3,440	3,526	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	2,777	2,850	80.7	80.8
With no members employed	664	677	19.3	19.2
With husband unemployed	1,369	1,465	39.8	41.5
Wife employed	827	880	24.0	25.0
Other(s) employed	56	88	1.6	2.5
No one employed	485	497	14.1	14.1
With wife unemployed	911	973	26.5	27.6
Husband employed	815	875	23.7	24.8
Other(s) employed	16	17	.5	.5
No one employed	80	81	2.3	2.3
With other member(s) unemployed	1,160	1,089	33.7	30.9
Families maintained by women	1,286	1,227	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	615	571	47.8	46.5
With no members employed	671	656	52.2	53.5
With householder unemployed	559	542	43.5	44.2
Other(s) employed	97	78	7.5	6.4
No one employed	462	464	35.9	37.8
With other member(s) unemployed	727	685	56.5	55.8
Families maintained by men	341	338	100.0	100.0
With one or more members employed	192	201	56.3	59.5
With no members employed	149	137	43.7	40.5
With householder unemployed	165	143	48.4	42.3
Other(s) employed	54	46	15.8	13.6
No one employed	111	97	32.6	28.7
With other member(s) unemployed	176	195	51.6	57.7

Table 4. Families with children under 18 years old by the employment status of parent(s) and type of family, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(In thousands)

Characteristic	I 1989			I 1990		
	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old	Total	With children 6 to 17 years old, none younger	With children under 6 years old
Total families	31,466	16,908	14,558	31,738	16,895	14,843
Married-couple families	23,856	12,316	11,540	24,012	12,277	11,735
With employed parent(s)	22,921	11,844	11,076	23,078	11,821	11,256
Neither unemployed	21,921	11,291	10,630	22,011	11,277	10,735
Father employed	7,235	2,846	4,389	7,095	2,772	4,323
Mother employed	493	352	141	522	338	184
Both employed	14,193	8,093	6,100	14,394	8,167	6,228
One unemployed	1,000	552	446	1,067	545	521
Father unemployed	480	292	187	504	263	240
Mother unemployed	520	260	259	563	282	281
With no employed parent	935	471	464	934	455	479
Father unemployed	286	97	189	296	100	196
Mother unemployed	35	22	13	34	24	11
Both unemployed	75	34	40	84	41	43
Neither in labor force	539	318	222	520	290	229
Families maintained by women	6,522	3,883	2,639	6,594	3,905	2,689
Mother employed	4,027	2,758	1,269	4,115	2,803	1,312
Mother not employed	2,495	1,124	1,371	2,479	1,101	1,377
Unemployed	448	226	222	451	238	212
Not in labor force	2,047	898	1,149	2,028	863	1,165
Families maintained by men	1,088	710	378	1,132	713	419
Father employed	903	593	310	954	602	352
Father not employed	185	116	68	179	111	66
Unemployed	72	47	24	72	41	30
Not in labor force	113	69	44	107	70	36
Total families with unemployed parents	1,916	978	934	2,004	989	1,013

Table 5. Employment status of persons in families by family relationship, race, and Hispanic origin, quarterly averages not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	1989					1990				
	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed			Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force participation rate	Unemployed		
			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)			Number	Percent of labor force	Percent with employed family member(s)
TOTAL										
In families	148,679	66.0	5,526	5.6	69.0	149,232	66.3	5,650	5.7	69.9
In married-couple families	122,542	66.6	3,724	4.6	78.5	123,131	67.0	3,892	4.7	79.1
Husbands	51,023	78.1	1,369	3.4	64.6	51,413	77.9	1,465	3.7	66.1
Wives	51,023	57.7	1,018	3.5	83.5	51,413	58.2	1,101	3.7	83.0
Other family member(s)	20,496	60.6	1,337	10.8	89.1	20,305	61.4	1,326	10.6	90.1
In families maintained by women	20,318	61.0	1,427	11.5	47.9	20,335	61.2	1,381	11.1	47.5
Householder	10,992	62.2	559	8.2	17.2	10,984	62.4	542	7.9	14.4
Other family member(s)	9,326	59.6	868	15.6	67.7	9,351	59.8	839	15.0	68.9
In families maintained by men	5,817	70.0	375	9.2	54.1	5,768	70.0	377	9.3	57.0
Householder	2,883	77.1	165	7.4	33.0	2,883	77.0	143	6.4	32.1
Other family member(s)	2,934	62.9	210	11.3	70.7	2,885	62.9	234	12.9	72.3
White										
In families	127,496	66.4	4,078	4.8	72.6	127,715	66.8	4,262	5.0	72.7
In married-couple families	109,365	66.7	3,078	4.2	78.5	109,731	67.0	3,231	4.4	79.4
Husbands	45,980	78.1	1,155	3.2	64.1	46,240	77.9	1,231	3.4	65.8
Wives	45,926	57.0	841	3.2	83.9	46,226	57.5	917	3.5	83.4
Other family member(s)	17,459	62.1	1,082	10.0	89.6	17,265	63.1	1,083	9.9	91.4
In families maintained by women	13,654	63.1	755	8.8	52.7	13,441	63.5	740	8.7	48.5
Householder	7,448	63.6	297	6.3	21.0	7,361	63.5	279	6.0	18.3
Other family member(s)	6,206	62.5	458	11.8	73.4	6,080	63.6	461	11.9	66.8
In families maintained by men	4,477	70.5	245	7.8	59.6	4,543	72.1	290	8.9	60.0
Householder	2,235	77.7	108	6.2	39.4	2,267	79.3	105	5.8	35.4
Other family member(s)	2,242	63.3	137	9.7	75.3	2,276	64.9	185	12.5	74.2
Black										
In families	16,201	63.2	1,269	12.4	57.4	16,349	62.6	1,200	11.7	59.4
In married-couple families	9,026	67.0	510	8.4	79.6	9,141	66.9	514	8.4	77.4
Husbands	3,525	76.4	162	6.0	68.2	3,594	75.9	175	6.4	66.4
Wives	3,449	65.3	141	6.3	82.2	3,507	65.6	138	6.0	80.5
Other family member(s)	2,052	53.5	207	18.9	86.8	2,040	53.2	201	18.6	83.9
In families maintained by women	6,119	56.8	644	18.5	42.5	6,281	56.6	615	17.3	46.5
Householder	3,247	59.6	249	12.9	13.1	3,301	60.4	254	12.7	10.6
Other family member(s)	2,872	53.7	395	25.6	61.1	2,980	52.4	361	23.1	71.7
In families maintained by men	1,056	68.9	114	15.7	42.1	927	60.3	70	12.5	44.3
Householder	534	76.0	51	12.7	(1)	491	67.3	30	9.2	(1)
Other family member(s)	522	61.8	63	19.5	60.7	436	52.5	40	17.5	(1)
Hispanic origin										
In families	11,249	65.2	583	8.0	69.8	11,703	64.5	619	8.2	67.4
In married-couple families	8,369	65.9	400	7.2	74.0	8,829	65.6	419	7.2	75.7
Husbands	3,222	85.7	132	4.8	53.8	3,358	83.2	147	5.2	54.0
Wives	3,382	52.8	121	6.8	80.8	3,485	52.8	125	6.8	83.6
Other family member(s)	1,765	54.9	147	15.2	86.3	1,986	58.4	147	12.7	90.2
In families maintained by women	2,098	58.0	146	12.0	59.6	2,091	54.1	138	12.2	39.1
Householder	1,141	56.1	58	9.1	(1)	1,132	52.2	61	10.3	11.7
Other family member(s)	957	60.2	88	15.3	80.2	959	56.3	77	14.3	61.6
In families maintained by men	782	76.0	37	6.2	(1)	783	79.7	62	9.9	74.2
Householder	356	83.6	13	4.4	(1)	350	87.7	22	7.3	(1)
Other family member(s)	426	69.5	24	8.0	(1)	433	73.2	40	12.5	(1)

[1] Data not shown where base is less than 60,000.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	I 1989	I 1990	I 1989	I 1990	I 1989	I 1990
TOTAL						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	43,317	43,657	100.0	100.0	$605	$644
One earner	18,642	18,643	43.0	42.7	367	387
Two or more earners	24,676	25,013	57.0	57.3	794	841
Married-couple families	33,877	34,060	100.0	100.0	678	723
One earner	12,419	12,264	36.7	36.0	420	453
Husband	9,283	9,165	27.4	26.9	494	525
Wife	2,443	2,392	7.2	7.0	265	267
Other family member	693	707	2.0	2.1	225	269
Two or more earners	21,458	21,796	63.3	64.0	824	873
Husband and wife only	15,545	15,798	45.9	46.4	790	836
Husband, wife, and other family member(s)	3,498	3,551	10.3	10.4	1,097	1,131
Husband and other family member(s)	1,699	1,728	5.0	5.1	768	816
Wife and other family member(s)	560	533	1.7	1.6	499	596
Other family members only	156	187	.5	.5	589	593
Families maintained by women	7,362	7,512	100.0	100.0	344	358
One earner	5,016	5,103	68.1	67.9	272	284
Householder	3,969	4,051	53.9	53.9	278	292
Other family member	1,046	1,052	14.2	14.0	242	254
Two or more earners	2,347	2,408	31.9	32.1	567	614
Families maintained by men	2,078	2,085	100.0	100.0	482	512
One earner	1,207	1,276	58.1	61.2	347	380
Householder	964	1,017	46.4	48.8	396	407
Other family member	243	259	11.7	12.4	247	257
Two or more earners	870	809	41.9	38.8	672	769
White						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	36,968	37,060	100.0	100.0	626	672
One earner	15,557	15,351	42.1	41.4	389	412
Two or more earners	21,411	21,710	57.9	58.6	803	856
Married-couple families	30,167	30,201	100.0	100.0	687	736
One earner	11,111	10,943	36.8	36.2	436	474
Husband	8,434	8,326	28.0	27.6	503	547
Wife	2,088	2,004	6.9	6.6	270	273
Two or more earners	19,056	19,257	63.2	63.8	831	883
Husband and wife only	13,831	13,997	45.8	46.3	795	846
Families maintained by women	5,200	5,202	100.0	100.0	355	385
One earner	3,496	3,425	67.2	65.8	283	296
Two or more earners	1,703	1,777	32.8	34.2	572	617
Families maintained by men	1,601	1,658	100.0	100.0	490	527
One earner	950	982	59.3	59.2	370	391
Two or more earners	652	676	40.7	40.8	670	787
Black						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	5,027	5,161	100.0	100.0	438	439
One earner	2,530	2,730	50.3	52.9	267	283
Two or more earners	2,497	2,431	49.7	47.1	685	715
Married-couple families	2,624	2,721	100.0	100.0	572	590
One earner	890	938	33.9	34.5	297	303
Husband	560	552	21.3	20.3	347	340
Wife	280	311	10.7	11.4	223	238
Two or more earners	1,734	1,782	66.1	65.5	740	764
Husband and wife only	1,257	1,265	47.9	46.5	727	738
Families maintained by women	2,011	2,099	100.0	100.0	308	308
One earner	1,420	1,546	70.6	73.6	238	263
Two or more earners	591	553	29.4	26.4	551	590
Families maintained by men	392	341	100.0	100.0	454	419
One earner	220	245	56.1	72.1	301	340
Two or more earners	172	95	43.9	27.9	775	([2])

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Families with wage and salary earners by race, Hispanic origin, type of family, and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	I 1988	I 1989	I 1988	I 1989	I 1988	I 1989
Hispanic origin						
Families with wage or salary earners[1]	3,485	3,584	100.0	100.0	$456	$490
One earner	1,562	1,699	44.8	47.4	278	299
Two or more earners	1,923	1,885	55.2	52.6	638	687
Married-couple families	2,548	2,595	100.0	100.0	489	544
One earner	1,029	1,117	40.4	43.0	303	321
Husband	872	867	34.2	33.4	320	353
Wife	104	165	4.1	6.3	218	247
Two or more earners	1,519	1,478	59.6	57.0	641	700
Husband and wife only	1,037	908	40.7	35.0	621	657
Families maintained by women	674	700	100.0	100.0	338	321
One earner	414	438	61.5	62.5	212	250
Two or more earners	260	263	38.5	37.5	581	618
Families maintained by men	262	289	100.0	100.0	427	452
One earner	118	145	45.2	50.2	239	264
Two or more earners	144	144	54.8	49.8	677	731

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

[2] Data not shown where base is less than 100,000.

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

Table 7. Families with unemployed members and wage and salary earners by type of family and median usual weekly wage and salary earnings, quarterly averages, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Number of families		Percent distribution		Median weekly earnings	
	I 1988	I 1989	I 1988	I 1989	I 1988	I 1989
Families with unemployment and wage and salary earners[1]	3,197	3,290	—	—	$396	$417
Married-couple families	2,449	2,491	100.0	100.0	429	462
Husband unemployed	869	880	35.5	35.3	294	297
Wife only earner	664	656	27.1	26.3	263	271
Wife and other earner(s)	150	148	6.1	5.9	480	486
Other earners only	55	76	2.3	3.0	(2)	(2)
Wife unemployed	722	849	29.5	34.1	434	467
Husband only earner	616	686	25.1	27.5	415	440
Husband and other earner(s)	85	143	3.5	5.7	(2)	655
Other earners only	21	20	.9	.8	(2)	(2)
Other members unemployed	857	763	35.0	30.6	674	739
Husband or wife earners	347	281	14.2	11.3	484	529
Both husband and wife earners	469	463	19.1	18.6	864	862
Other combinations of earners	41	18	1.7	.7	(2)	(2)
Families maintained by women[1]	573	608	100.0	100.0	296	293
Householder unemployed	106	74	18.5	12.2	288	(2)
Other member(s) unemployed	467	533	81.5	87.8	298	309
Families maintained by men[1]	175	192	100.0	100.0	381	332
Householder unemployed	41	52	23.5	27.1	(2)	(2)
Other member(s) unemployed	134	140	76.5	72.9	446	419

[1] Data exclude families in which there is no wage or salary earner or in which the husband, wife, or other person maintaining the family is either self-employed or in the Armed Forces.

[2] Data not shown where base is less than 100,000.

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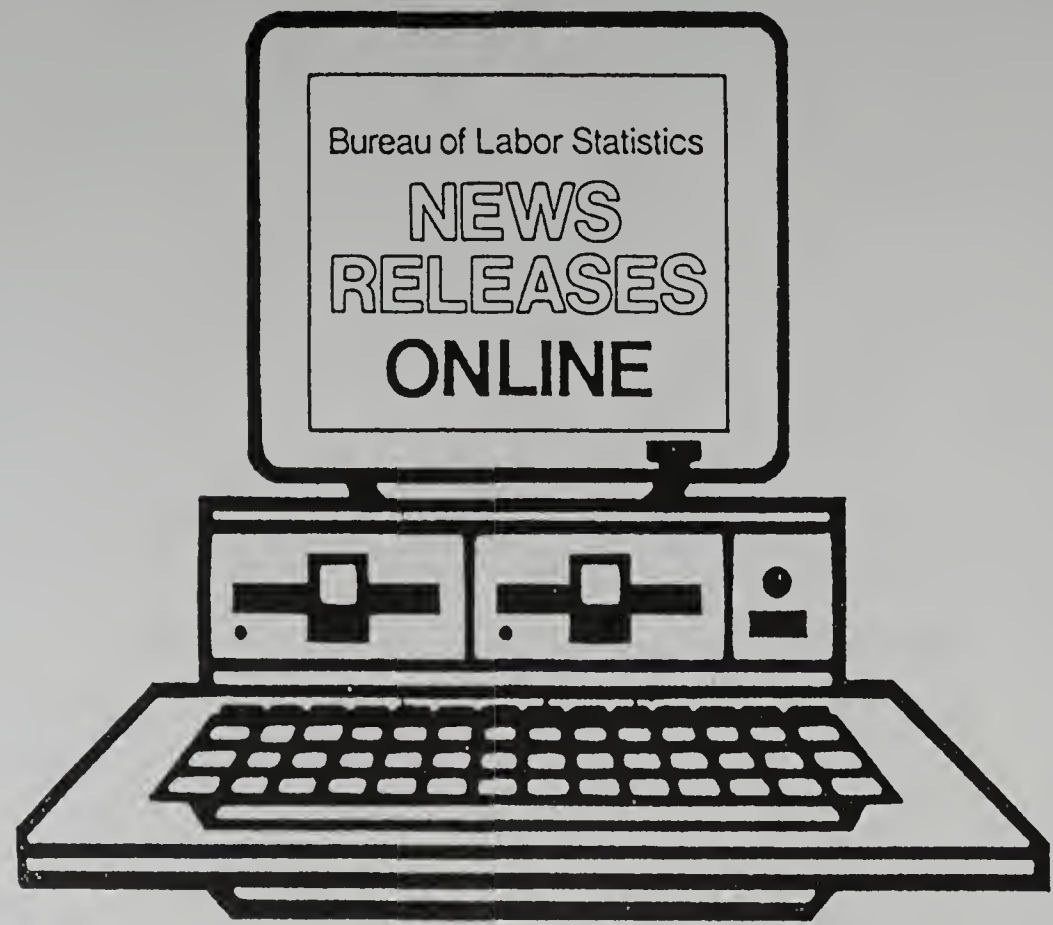

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